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SUFFERING IN EUROPE.

Distressing Reports Come From the Famine-Stricken Districts of Russia.

Starvation in Hungary---Riots Caused by the Bread Distribution in Vienna.

The Pope Talks of His Embarrassed Position to the College of Cardinals.

LONDON, March, 2. — An English special correspondent who is travelling in the famine districts of Russia writes from Saratov that crimes of violence in the valley of the Volga are of frequent occurrence. Clergymen's houses have been robbed and the bodies of murdered men found on the highroads. The correspondent was warned of the dangers of travelling about the country and he seldom drove at night. Caravans of merchandise are escorted by armed forces. The correspondent adds that villages in the Government of Samara which were prosperous in 1886 are now plunged into deepest misery and that the population has been decimated. In one village 2765 of its 7965 inhabitants have emigrated and of those remaining 1250 are dependent upon charity. In three months the people of this village lost 4038 head of live stock. They are indebted to the state also in the sum of 73,838 roubles. A similar condition prevails in other villages. Forty thousand acres of land lie idle in the province of Samara owing to lack of seed with which to plant this area. A large number of German colonists live in hovels dug in the earth for warmth. They eat bread made of wild hemp and also the carcasses of horses. This diet produces a severe and often fatal nausea. The famine is changing peasants into wild beasts. In one case a man attempted to hang his daughter because she was not successful in begging.

London Press on Behring Sea.

LONDON, March 1.—The Standard this morning referring to the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Sayward Behring Sea case says: "The decision leaves the diplomatic situation precisely where it was before. There is no reason to assume that the judges considered the international equities. The failure to procure a judicial pronouncement on the validity of the pretension set up by the Washington authorities, will rather facilitate than prejudice a full and amicable settlement by the arbitrators."

The St. James Gazette says: "It is idle to pretend that the Imperial rights are prejudiced by the decision. This was merely a matter between the superior and inferior tribunals of the United States."

The Globe says: "Probably the judges are not sorry to get rid of the whole matter by the help of the point of procedure. It still remains for us to show that Behring Sea is exempt from the operations of international law."

The Papacy.

ROME, March 2.—The Pope gave a solemn audience yesterday in the throne room of the Vatican to all the members of the College of Cardinals present in Rome. In his speech the Pope referred to the two guiding principles of Pope Innocent III, the redemption of the holy places and the independence of the church. To attain these two things His Holiness declared that he would die. The changes in public opinion rendered the Pope's achievement of these more difficult than at the period of Innocent III. The dominant influence then was faith. No such faith prevailed to day, and this emboldened the enemies of the Church and the papacy to try to extinguish even the name of the Christian. Such conditions afforded good grounds for a desire to return not to the sensuous civilization and defective institutions of the Middle Ages, but to the robust faith rooted in the conscience of the people.

Quarantine Station for Puget Sound.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Preston H. Bailhache, surgeon of the U. S. marine hospital service, starts on Friday next for Port Townsend, where he will convene the board on the 7th inst., composed of himself as president, A. Wasson, colletor of customs, and Capt. D. F. Tozier, of the revenue marine hospital, for the purpose of selecting a site for a national quarantine station at or near Port Townsend, for the protection of Puget Sound ports against the introdution of contagious and infectious diseases from foreign ports. Two years ago Mr. Bailhache selected Marrowstone point near Port Townsend, but the department would not grant the privilege of occupying that desirable location, claiming that it might be needed for military purposes.

Proposed Bills at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, March 2.—The bill to be introduced by Taylor against the importation of alien labor under contract is the same as that of last year. Mr. Bowell states that his bill regarding reciprocity in wrecking and salvage will be nearly similar to that which Mr. Kirkpatrick introduced last year and the year previous. It will go further in respect to towing.

John L. on the Stage.

ST. PAUL, March 2.—John L. Sullivan made his initial appearance as an actor here last night and wound up his drunk by falling flat on the stage in the last act. He could scarcely walk or talk throughout the performance and when he forget his lines made disconnected speeches to the spectators about his ability as a fighter.

The Fighting Crowd.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—All arrangements have been completed for the signing of McAuliffe and Goddard for a fight to take place before the California Athletic Club some time in May or June. It has been arranged that a purse of $5000 be offered, $4000 to the winner and $1000 to the loser, with an allowance of $500 to Goddard for expenses. Goddard will sail from Australia on the next steamer, the Alameda, and will arrive during the latter part of April.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Waterworks Contract---Fishing Commissioners---May Hunter's Murder.

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 2.—McQuarry, contractor for the waterworks, has gained his point against the water commissioners. They will pay him $1.62½ for slab excavation, instead of 75c, the figure they proposed to give.

Commissioners Wilmot and Armstrong, Inspector McNabb and Secretary Winters left this morning for Victoria.

The police are keeping watch upon all parties leaving the city, in connection with May Hunter's murder.

Charlotte Hicks, aged 9, at Aldergrove, was scalded by the explosion of a coal oil can last night. The child was trying to start a fire by putting coal oil upon the wood when the explosion took place. The child's chest was badly burned. The accident will probably prove fatal.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Young Desperadoes---The Umatilla's Load---A License Question.

VANCOUVER, March 2.—The lacrosse minstrels performed last night with great success to a splendid house.

The annual meeting of the Board of trade was last night adjourned for one week.

The Umatilla came in this morning with 420 tons of freight to go overland, and took away 250 tons.

Young West, son of the lately deceased poundkeeper, was up in the police court this morning for window breaking. He belongs to a gang of young Jesse Jameses who want to distinguish themselves as desperadoes. Three revolvers were found on him.

Kurtz & Co.'s cigar factory is now a union shop.

A petition is being circulated among the residents of Mount Pleasant protesting against the granting of a liquor license in that locality.

Bread Riots in Vienna.

VIENNA, March 2.—The distribution of free bread to the poor at the office of the Socialist paper, the Volkspresse, was attended with great disorder today. Eight thousand loaves had been provided, but 12,000 men and women assembled. Many who received nothing assaulted others and fought with maniacal fury for food. The possessors fiercely defended their rights, and in the crush ten women were injured. A strong force of police finally checked the rioting.

Suffering Hungarians.

BUDA PESTH, March 2.—The inhabitants of Arava, Hungary, are suffering from typhus and other deadly diseases in addition to the famine prevailing there. The people are reduced to such straits for want of bread that they are compelled to eat the bark of trees and pine cones.

A Behring Sea Arbitrator.

LONDON, March 2.—It is stated in insurance circles here that Mr. Ross, claim settler of the National Marine Insurance Company, has been appointed British arbitrator in the dispute between Great Britain and the United States regarding Behring Sea.

Lost Her Propeller.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Agents of the steamer Sirius, coffee laden from Central America for this port and long overdue, received a telegram from San Domingo stating that the Sirius had been towed in there by the steamer Tillamook. She hod lost her propeller.

The Greek Crisis.

ATHENS, March 2.—The Chamber of Deputies will be prorogued to-day until March 6th. An early dissolution is expected, in view of the vote of confidence in the Delyannis ministry adopted by the chamber yesterday.

President Oakes' Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—President T. F. Oakes, of the Northern Pacific Railway, who has been in the city with his family for several days, departed last night for Portland. He will return to St. Paul via Tacoma.

More Bad Luck.

The sealing schooner Walter A. Earle is truly having an unlucky sealing cruise. On top of the news published in the TIMES a few days ago about the loss of a boat and three men and later the narrow escape of another three of the crew, comes the news that the mate, H. Christenson, is sick. He was brought up from Port San Juan this morning by the steamer Mystery which went down a few days ago with new boats and three new men to replace those lost. The Mystery brought one of the boats that was smashed too badly to be used, and also the belongings of the men who were drowned. The correct names of the men are: Eli Feltham, a Newfoundland hunter; John Erickson, of Sweden, and J. McGillvray, of Nova Scotia, all able seamen. No additional particulars of the accident were brought.

Ashwell vs. Jessop and Cawley.

In the Divisional Court this morning an appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Crease in the case of Ashwell vs. Jessop and Cawley, was dismissed, Mr. Crease's order however being waived. An order was made staying all proceedings in the action until an appeal from the conviction of the defendants is heard. Mr. J. S. Yates, of Yates & Jay, and Mr. Godfrey appeared for the appellants, and Mr. Eberts, of Eberts & Taylor, for the respondent.

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HISTORY OF A CRIME.

How a Chain of Evidence Has Wound Around the Movements of a Suspect.

Coincidence and Accident Combine to Show Who Slew May Todhunter.

Noticed in Tacoma, Victoria and Then Between Vancouver and Westminster.

"I'll know that fellow if I don't see him for ten years." The baggageman on the Puget Sound steamer wharf at Tacoma was the speaker; the time was Tuesday morning Feb. 23rd.

"Looks as if he had just got out of jail," remarked his assistant.

"Yes, and seems to be in a mighty hurry to get to Victoria, too."

"What's he checked?"

"Trunk," laconically replied the baggage master.

THE MAN.

The individual whose personal appearance and behaviour had called forth these comments was a squarely-built, athletic-looking man, rather tall, with strongly marked features. His moustache was one of those blonde, curly ones the ends of which stand out at right angles to the nose. He seemed proud of this moustache, for his large gloved hand often sought it and stroked and twirled it, rather nervously to be sure, but caressingly. It was a sharp-looking face. His sandy hair was close cropped displaying a muscular neck.

There was an indefinable Teutonic air about the man that seemed to pronounce him German, the stalwart frame, light complexion and national characteristics of the features. Even his dress spoke of a man out of the common. A dark fawn overcoat with broad bands of muskrat fur on the collar and cuffs, dark tweed coat and vest and broadcloth trousers. He wore a dark-colored soft felt hat with a deep longitudinal dint down the middle. The brim was pulled well down over a pair of shifty, restless, rat-like blue-gray eyes that had a nasty steely glitter in them, giving the face an unpleasant, sinister look that was "not at all taking," as the baggageman said.

This man was striding toward the gang-plank of the steamer City of Kingston, about to leave for the north. He nervously chewed the end of his cigar. At the foot of the plank he turned as if he had forgotten something and gazed back toward the baggage-man and his assistant. He started and looked troubled when he saw that they were keenly watching his movements. Muttering a curse he turned again and quickly boarded the steamer, disappearing from view on her main deck.

EN ROUTE.

The good steamer city of Kingston was dashing the snowy foam from her sharp prow as she sped on over the blue and sunny waters of the Sound, northward bound. The snow crowned mountains, the forests, the islands of the sea lay bathed in golden sunlight under the vault of blue. The scene delighted all the passengers who crowded to the bulwarks to gaze upon it. All but one. The man in the fur-trimmed coat. He looked, indeed, like the others, far across the shimmering sea, but there was no delight in his eyes, no sign of pleasure in the hard-drawn lines around his mouth. Soon he turned away and descended to the darkest part of the ship; there sat and brooded moodily. Sometimes he started up and asked the sailors eagerly when the steamer would reach Victoria; what distance Vancouver was from there—"and, wasn't there a place called, ah, what was the name?—oh, Westminster; yes, wasn't there a place called Westminster somewhere over there? Easy to get there, wasn't it? Steamers every day; ah, that's good; by way of Vancouver; I see, thank you.

SUSPICIONS.

Here you are, sir, want your baggage moved, cried the expressman as the man in the fur-trimmed coat stepped ashore.

No, come here, you, he said, beckoning the expressman aside. Can you tell me how I can reach Westminster, the quickest way I mean?

Well, sir, you can go out on the Islander to-morrow morning at 2 or else you can take the steamer same morning at 7. If you go by the Islander you get there practically a day ahead of the other way.

And how can I get away from there quickly?

What! get away from there quickly, why, what—

Oh, don't get excited, I want to see some friends up there and save time on the trip.

Oh, I see. Well, you can come back via Vancouver. You can go and come back same day if you like.

But if I miss the boat, what then?

Well, you can come down by way of Nanaimo by going to Vancouver, getting the boat there and coming on here by train.

Good. The stranger pondered deeply for a while, then the expressman referred him to the baggagemaster for any further information. The stranger gave the expressman the check for his trunk and said he might want it removed in a hurry. The expressman said he would require to have the trunk examined by the customs officers.

I don't want it examined; I won't have it meddled with, petulantly exclaimed the stranger. Let it lie on the dock till I call for it.

Well, you can't take it away until it's examined.

I don't care.

The expressman a day or two afterwards had to go out of town some distance, and took the check for the trunk with him. On his return he found that the stranger had called at the office and wanted the trunk taken to the Walla Walla for San Francisco without delay. The man flew into a towering rage when informed that he could not have it. He appeared to be in a terrible state of agitation and in a great hurry to depart; he left without the trunk, which was a valuable one.

NEARING THE GOAL.

The electric tramway was crowded on its way to Westminster on Thursday morning. All sorts and conditions of humanity were in the big car. In one corner near the door sat a man who had a dark fawn overcoat with muskrat fur collar and cuffs carelessly thrown across his knees. He was nervously twirling his brown moustache and keenly scrutinizing the other passengers. Next him sat a young man with whom he soon struck up a conversation. They chatted pleasantly for a while and grew quite familiar. At last the man in the corner said, "Do you know anybody in Westminster named May Todhunter?"

The young fellow laughed and replied that he had heard of her.

"Well, where does she live, what part of town could I find her? She is an old acquaintance of mine."

The young man said he did not know, but it would not take the stranger long to find out.

The man with the overcoat got off at the Westminster terminus and disappeared. He was not seen again in the Royal City by anyone who took special note of his appearance.

MURDER.

An ugly rumor crept out in Westminster next morning that a woman of the town, May Todhunter, had been found dead in bed under very suspicious circumstances. The rumor was soon confirmed. There was strong evidence of foul play. The other inmates of the house recollected what the last words of the dead woman, on the preceding night, were, that if her husband came to let him in, as she expected him. There had been a man there that night, but nobody could describe him. He had come and gone in a mysterious manner and left not a trace by which he could be followed by the sleuth hounds of justice. That the woman had been killed by foul means everyone believed. Her limbs were tied when she was found, and there were other evidences of the visit of a deadly foe.

HUE AND CRY.

The police machinery was set at work and action was quickened by news received from Victoria. The expressman no sooner heard of the murder than he "put two and two together," to use a cant phrase, and came to the conclusion that the man with the trunk who had been so anxious to get to Westminster and back as quickly as possible, and the mysterious murderer of May Todhunter were one and the same person. He informed the police. Instead of immediately telegraphing they wrote. The very man they sought was at that moment in the city within their grasp, on his way to the United States and safety. His name was now heard for the first time. Sometimes it was Wilberg now Wiedermann, then Wyman. The trunk was examined by the police and some photographs found. A waiter in a Yates street restaurant knew a man named Wyman, he was shown the photographs found in the trunk and recognized one as that of the man he had known two years before in Port Townsend. Wyman often told him about May Todhunter, who was his mistress. They had a quarrel and May had him sent up for three months for some offence of which she held the proofs. Wyman was furious and swore that he would "get even with her if it cost him his life." Wyman was at that time employed in Eisenbach's clothing store in Port Townsend. He was not a man of settled habits and lived at various places on the coast.

One of the things that struck the expressman as strange was the fact that the owner of the trunk did not have him punished for making him lose the San Francisco boat, as he could have done by compelling the expressman to pay his board until the next 'Frisco steamer arrived. The expressman went to a locksmith to get a key fitted to the trunk when he felt his suspicions confirmed; he informed the police, but was told they did not want to bother with the case. The letter which was sent the Westminster police was carried there and back in the pocket of the man to whom it was entrusted. He had forgotten it.

The indefatigable expressman took a trip to Tacoma yesterday to interview the baggagemaster there and compare notes. The two tallied exactly. The same man in both cases. The missing link in the chain of evidence is to show that the man whose photograph the waiter in the Yates street restaurant recognized as Wyman's is the same that the Tacoma baggagemaster, the Victoria expressman and the passenger on the Westminster electric tramway saw. If it can be shown that the Port Townsend Wyman who used to speak so often of May Todhunter is the men who left his trunk in Victoria in such a hurry last week, he is undoubtedly the murderer of the unfortunate woman at Westminster. To attempt to make this link sure, Chief of Police Houston, of Westminster, came over from the Mainland last night, and will go on to Port Townsend to-night to thoroughly investigate that end of the chain.

The police have not telegraphed to San Francisco or anywhere else to intercept the suspected man, "and," says Superintendent Sheppard, "we don't intend to."

The check for the trunk has been sent to San Francisco so that if the owner goes to claim it he will be arrested. Chief of Police Houston of Westminster, says the man's name is Wilberg; he thinks the other two aliases. He has not the slightest doubt that the man who arrived here Tuesday night is the person guilty of the crime. Chief Houston says he will try every means to get hold of him, although the clue is very faint at present. If the photographs and descriptions can be made to agree he thinks he has him to a certainty.

Curling tongs and heaters at Fox's

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Kellie is Grossly Insulted Within the Precincts of the House by F. Barnard, M. P.

A Committee of Three Appointed to Enquire Into the Matter and Report to the House.

TUESDAY, March 1, 1892.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Horne presented a petition from members of the Law Society of British Columbia in Vancouver asking that a registrar of the Supreme Court be appointed for Vancouver City, and that that city be made a judicial district.

Mr. Keith presented a petition from D. McGillivray and others in relation to the Vancouver Waterworks Company taking water from Coquitlam and other creeks.

Mr. Horne presented a petition from ratepayers in Surrey Municipality asking for the validation of certain debentures for municipal improvements. Mr. Horne also presented a petition from the manager of the Bank of British Columbia in Westminster City on the same subject.

Mr. Martin presented a report of the committee on standing rules and private bills, reporting that several private bills before the committee had complied with the standing rules, and that the Esquimalt Waterworks bill had been amended in committee.

The report of the committee was received and adopted.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Kellie rose to a question of privilege. He said he was under the painful necessity to take this step as he had been insulted within the precincts of the House by Mr. Frank Barnard, member for Cariboo in the Dominion Parliament. Had the occurence taken place other than it did he would have resented the insult on the spot, and the House would not have been troubled by the matter. Mr. Barnard had grossly insulted him in the lobby of the House, and he did not think that such an insult should be passed over and he came to the House for redress.

Mr. Beaven said he did not think that this was a matter which should be passed over lightly by any member in the House, more especially when it came from a gentleman, who from the position he occupied, as a member of the Dominion House, should know better. According to the rules of the English House of Commons, which were followed by the House, any person insulting or menacing a member within the precincts of the House, or going to or from the House, or any place, because of the actions of such member in the House, committed a crime and misdemeanor. When such an insult came from a member of the Dominion House it made it all the worse, and he should be excluded from the precincts of the House until he made a public apology.

Mr. Robson thought the charge made was too general. The House did not known the nature of the insult or the provocation tending to such.

Mr. Kellie said he would narrate the circumstances. Some time ago he was asked to act as sponsor for the Nelson Water Works Bill. He said he would on condition that a provision was inserted in the bill that the people of Nelson should be allowed the right to purchase the system at a reasonable figure when the town was incorporated. He explained this in moving the reading of the bill, but took objection to the clause inserted in the bill bearing on this point. Mr. Barnard and his solicitor Mr. Bodwell were sitting on the floor of the House at the time the bill was introduced. Mr. Bodwell immediately sent him a note objecting to some of his (Mr. Kellie's) statements. When he went out into the lobby Mr. Barnard jumped on him and told him to "go to hell," and said he was a stinker and a traitor. If he had said this outside of the House either one of them would have bitten the dust.

Mr. Vernon thought that as the matter had been brought before the House there was no necessity for going any further. Nothing would be gained by it, and it should be allowed to drop.

Hon. Mr. Beaven opposed this view and held that no man should be allowed to come into the precincts of the House and insult a member.

Hon. Mr. Robson said it was but right that the House should defend its rights. He proposed to move that a committee be appointed to enquire into the matter and report to the House.

Mr. Semlin said it seemed strange that a person applying for special privileges by a private bill should attack a member of the House. Although Mr. Barnard was a personal friend of his he was of the opinion that the honorable member for Kootenay was entitled to an apology.

Hon. Mr. Beaven said the House should not allow any member to be intimidated by anyone, even if he were a member of Parliament or the Czar of Russia. He was always of the opinion that promoters of private bills should not be allowed to lobby in the House; but when it came down to intimidating members it was too much altogether.

Mr. Kellie said he had given Mr. Barnard time in which to apologise but he did not take advantage of the opportunity.

Dr. Milne said the member for West Kootenay had acted in a straightforward manner before the private bills committee, and there was no reason why he should be assailed by Mr. Barnard or anyone else.

Col. Baker suggested that the matter be left over for a day, and if Mr. Barnard did not apoligise it could be taken up again.

Mr. Booth expressed the same opinion as Dr. Milne on Mr. Kellie's action in committee. He also held that there was too much lobbying allowed, and that it should be put a stop to altogether.

Mr. Davie said if the charge made by Mr. Kellie were true, the accused should be dwelt with in a severe manner; but he should not be condemned without having a fair hearing. This was not a personal matter. Although Mr. Kellie had been the butt of this alleged abuse, if it were true, through him the whole House was insulted, and an individual apology would not condone the offence. It would be wise to act with caution and inquire into the circumstances of the case.

Mr. Speaker said the matter was a very serious one. He thought the House should protect its members, and if a member were insulted in any part of the province for any action of his in the House, the House should protect him. If this matter was not satisfactorily settled he would order that the lobby be closed.

Hon. Mr. Robson said that although Mr. Barnard was a personal friend of his he would not allow this to stand in the way of doing his duty, and he proposed to do all in his power to protect the members of the House. He then moved that a special committee composed of himself, Hon. Mr. Baker and Hon. Mr. Beaven inquire into the matter and report to the House. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Croft rose to a question of privilege, and asked if it was not against the rules to distribute documents to members of the House, relating to bills before the House, and called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a communication from the City of Victoria re the Esquimalt Water Works Bill had been distributed to members.

Mr. Beaven stated that the communication referred to was a report of the proceedings of a public meeting to discuss the water works question, and it was quite proper that such should be distributed to members. He hoped the member for Cowichan did not feel insulted at receiving a communication from the City of Victoria.

The Speaker replied to Mr. Croft that there was nothing to prevent communications addressed to the members of the House being distributed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

Hon. Mr. Vernon presented the report of crown land surveys for the year ending 31st December, 1891, which was laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Davie presented the 18th annual report of the registrar of births, marriages and deaths for the province, which was also laid on the table.

Col. Baker introduced a bill to authorize the Kootenay Powder Company, Limited, to construct tramways and electrical and other works in the vicinity of Nelson. The bill was received and referred to the private bills committee.

Dr. Milne introduced a bill to enable the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow certain sums of money, and for other purposes, which was received and read a first time.

AFTER BAD INDIANS.

Mr. Kellie moved the following resolution: That whereas, owing to custom, the Indians from the neighborhood of Colville, in State of Washington, do annually come into British Columbia and hunt along the Arrow lakes and Columbia River, and by so doing exclude the Indians of Kootenay, in British Columbia, from following the chase in those parts of the Province above mentioned; Be it therefore resolved, that in the interests of British Columbia, our Government do instruct its officers in Kootenay, or elsewhere, to see that the provisions of the "Game Act," empowering the collection of the sum of fifty dollars for all non-residents who come into British Columbia for the purpose of hunting, be enforced in regard to these foreign Indians when they cross the international boundary for the purpose of hunting in British Columbia.

In moving the resolution Mr. Kellie said that the Colville Indians made annual incursions into British Columbia after deer, bear and other game which they killed off in large numbers to the injury of the Kootenay Indians and settlers.

Col. Baker, in seconding the resolution, said it was almost necessary that some action should be taken in this direction, but he thought the Dominion authorities should be called upon to attend to this matter. He could also complain that the Stoney Indians came over from the Northwest in East Kootenay and they too should be prevented from hunting on the Kootenay Indians grounds.

Hon. Mr. Robson did not agree with the method proposed, and suggested that a representation should be made to the Dominion Government, and he thought something could be done in the matter.

Mr. Kellie, by permission, withdrew the resolution.

Mr. Hall moved the following resolution:

That a resolution be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, that he will cause to be pointed out to the Dominion Government the very urgent necessity which exists for the providing of an efficient mail service on what is known as the northern coast route of this province, by steamers of good speed and accommodation, equal in all respects to the American steamers plying to Alaska.

The present requirements are as hereunder, viz.:—Victoria to Port Simpson, Naas and way ports every 14 days, and Victoria to Queen Charlotte Islands points every four weeks.

Mr. Hall pointed out that if a great and important portion of the province along the seaboard was to be developed it was necessary to have a better mail system established.

Mr. Hunter and Mr. Grant also spoke in favor of the resolution, which carried without dissent.

THE SCHOOL BILL AMENDED.

In consideration of the report in the School Bill Mr. Brown moved the following amendments:—

To amend section 5 by striking out the word "annually" in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the words "in the manner hereinafter provided."

To amend section 6 by inserting at the beginning of the section the words "At the first election under this act"; and by substituting the word "six" for the word "seven," in the first line; and by inserting the words "and at each subsequent election to as many votes as there are trustees to be elected," after the word "trustees" in the second line.

To strike out section 8 and substitute, "8. At the first election under this act, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to serve for two years, and the three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected to serve for one year; and at each subsequent annual election three trustees shall be elected to serve for two years: Provided that any election under the authority of section 11 of this act may, if convenient, be held concurrently with the annual election; and provided further, that all trustees may remain in office and exercise all the powers of trustees until their successors shall have been elected."

Mr. Brown explained that the object of the amendment was to secure a longer term for trustees than one year. There would be elections every year but only three trustees each year, the whole number of the board being reduced from seven to six members.

Mr. Beaven said he did not think the rotation plan would be acceptable in Victoria. It did not work when tried in the municipal elections. He thought it would be better to allow the people to pronounce on the actions of the board annually. He, however, would like to see fewer men on the board, more powers given to their members, and salaries paid, which he claimed would ensure an efficient board.

Mr Cotton supported the amendment, holding that a better class of trustees would be secured when they were elected for two years.

The amendments were adopted and the report adopted as amended.

MORE PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. Anderson introduced a bill to incorporate the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company, which was read a first time.

Mr. Beaven moved the second reading of his municipal bill. The idea of the bill was to practically provide two municipal acts, one for the cities and one for rural districts. It was proposed to give more responsibility to municipalities and by so doing not only increase the efficiency of the councils, but promote greater interest in municipal affairs. It was a local option measure and would not operate in a city until a by-law was passed accepting it.

Mr. Davie said the Government proposed comprehensive changes in the municipal matters and would shortly bring in a bill dealing with the question. It would not be wise to have two or three statutes on the same subject, and he moved the adjournment of the debate on this bill. The motion carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal act, 1891. The object of the bill, he said, was to make necessary improvements to the existing municipal act, the principal amendment being to clear up the processes of the by-laws and make clear the distinction between improvements and landed property.

The bill passed its second reading to be committed at the same time as the Attorney-General's municipal bill.

ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT.

Hon. Mr. Davie presented the report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the affairs of the corporation of Victoria city, which was laid on the table.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Dr. Milne asked the Hon. Provincial Secretary the following questions, to which the subjoined answers were given, viz:

(1.) If the returns in reference to the Behring Sea, sent down to this House, includes all the correspondence and telegrams sent or received by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, especially in reference to the claims for compensation by sealers for seizures of vessels and cargoes? A—The return presented to the House on the 18th inst., includes all the correspondence sent or received by the Provincial Secretary.

(2) Were any telegrams or correspondence sent or received on or about March 1st, 1890, in reference to the above? A—The accompanying copies of telegrams were received or sent on or about March 1st, 1890. (Copies of telegrams presented.)

The House adjourned at 4:30.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Horne—That whereas the disease of leprosy exists in this Province and is confined to the Mongolian race; and whereas the Dominion Government refuses to exclude that race from the Province; and whereas a lazaretto for the care of lepers is maintained at Tracadie, N.S.; be it therefore resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor requesting him to urge upon the Dominion Government the duty of caring for leperous Chinese, either by removing them to the lazaretto at Tracadie, or by establishing and maintaining a like establishment in this Province, for which the Legislature will be prepared to provide a suitable site.

Mr. Cotton—To ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re land grants under section 37 of the Land Act.

Mr. Mason—An act to amend the Liquor License Regulation Act, 1891.

Hon. Mr. Turner—An act to amend the Agricultural Societies Incorporation Act.

Mrs. Osborne's Case.

LONDON, March 1.—It is stated that by Sir Henry James' advice, Mrs. Osborne, whose trial will probably take place next Monday at the Old Bailey, will throw herself upon the mercy of the court, and that Sir Charles Russell will then make an appeal that she be treated under the statute passed by the parliament and known as the First Offences Act. By this act the judge is satisfied that the first offender is truly penitent and not likely to offend again, and may admonish and discharge the prisoner. The act was not designed to help a criminal like Mrs. Osborne, but lawyers believe it capable of being made to fit this particular case.

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" 8.14	" 2.44	4	ESQUIMALT	" 12.10	" 5.44	74
" 8.19	" 2.49	11	GOLDSTREAM	" 11.45	" 5.19	67
" 8.24	" 2.54	26	SHAWNIGAN LAKE	" 10.50	" 4.14	42
" 8.44	" 3.14	31	COBBLE HILL	" 10.27	" 3.52	36
" 8.57	" 3.26	38	QUAMICHAN'S	" 10.17	" 3.39	33
" 9.07	" 3.36	46	KOKSILAH	" 10.12	" 3.34	32
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" 10.22	" 4.44	62	SOMENOS	" 9.36	" 3.12	23
" 10.45	" 5.04		CHEMAINUS	" 9.24	"	14
Arr. 11.50	" 6.11		NANAIMO	Dep. 8.34	Arr. 2.14	
Dep. 11.55	"			Arr. 8.35	Dep. 1.50	
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CANADIAN NOTES.

News by Mail and Wire From All Parts of the Dominion.

J. B. Dewey, an extensive wholesale dealer, of Toronto is dead, aged 58.

D. N. Craig, of the firm of Robert Craig & Son, the extensive cattle dealers, Brampton, died of la grippe.

Gail, Anderson & Co., lumber dealers, Toronto, are financially embarrassed. Their liabilities are said to be about $70,000.

At the iron works of the Acadia mines, Nova Scotia, a flask burst and the molten iron ran over a workman named Ed. J. Guest, burning him so badly that he died shortly afterwards.

The Manitoba Southeastern Railway Company gave assurances that 40 miles of their road from Winnipeg to St. Anne will be built this season. This is part of the proposed line to Duluth.

It has been learned that a boat containing two unknown men were carried down the Niagara River and swept over the falls on Friday last. No trace of the boat or its occupants has been found.

Arrangements are being made for the transfer to Brazil, from the district back of Renfrew, of 265 Polish families. They have been promised land in Brazil and their passage will be paid from New York.

A Quebec ship carpenter named DesGogne, who resides in Stroch, a suburb of that city, has invented a hydraulic machine which he claims when fitted in a ship will navigate the largest ocean vessel at the rate of forty-five to sixty miles per hour.

D. Moore & Co., founders, Hamilton, have notified their old employees who are on strike that the same wages will be paid as were last year, but the men are unlikely to return unless they are given piece work. None of the other foundries but Gurney's have been able to secure non-union moulders and all are idle but Gurney's.

In connection with the proposed crofter scheme in British Columbia, Col. Engledue and Major Clarke have requested the Federal Government, that the bonuses paid to immigrants settling in Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, be also paid to the crofters who settle on less than 160 acres, and who follow fishing.

The Montreal Star has a cable from London which says no credence is given to the reports of the proposed agreement between the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways. Nothing is known of the statement that Mr. Van Horne is about to visit London. Friends of the Canadian Pacific Railway say they are quite content as the matter stands between the companies.

During the past few days a committee of the Ontario Legislature has been diligently presenting petitions containing an advocacy for the rival claims of Port Arthur and Fort William, between which towns there are boundary questions in dispute. Both the Canadian Pacific and Hudson Bay companies are interested and a hot fight is expected between the parties in the committee.

The Globe says there is no movement in the Liberal party to have Mr. Laurier resign the party leadership. The Mail says the actual strength of the parties in the House at this moment, including Vaudreuil, is 128 Conservatives and 79 Liberals, a majority of 48 for the Government. If the Liberals carry the eight remaining constituencies, the majority can only be reduced to 41 without the speaker.

Edward A. Twohey, deputy collector of United States customs at Montreal, Nicholas Sorrensky and Converse J. Smith, special agent of the United States treasury, were arrested in Montreal Feb. 1, charged with conspiring against J. J. Miller, merchant tailor, who was implicated in some smuggling transactions. Twohey and Sorrensky have been committed for trial at the next assizes, but Smith was discharged.

The Winnipeg City Council and Board of Trade sent a joint memorial to the Dominion Government setting forth the advantages that the city and country would derive from the construction of locks and dams on the Red River at St. Andrew's rapids, between Winnipeg and Lake Winnipeg, and asking the Government for an appropriation of about $200,000 for the purpose.

Robert Bickerdyke, John Crowe, Cornelius Coghlan, Michael Gree and William Cunningham and others, all of Montreal, are applying for incorporation as the Union Stock Yards Company, with headquarters in Montreal and a capital of $200,000. These gentlemen are all live stock exporters and number among them the largest individual shippers in the trade. As soon as the charter is received, arrangements for the completion of the stock yards will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Three hundred and ten acres of land have been secured at Lachine for their purposes.

The address in reply was disposed of in the Senate at Ottawa yesterday. Senator Boulton kicked clean over the traces. Hon. Mr. Abbott in replying ignored him altogether. He said the Washington mission had already been fruitful of good, and important agreements had been reached. He criticized Senator Scott's reference to the Behring Sea dispute, and announced that the question of jurisdiction of the United States would not go to arbitration, Mr. Blaine having receded from that ground. About the only matter in dispute now was the preservation of seal life. During the debate on the address Premiet Abbott, in referring to the Alaska boundary, said it was evident that the parties who fixed the boundary in the treaty knew nothing whatever about the country, as they evidently did not know in what direction Portland inlet ran and referred to a chain of mountains which did not exist. He considered the question one of the most complex which two countries had ever had to settle.

The annual meeting of the Imperial Federation League, held at Ottawa yesterday, was attended by a large number of members of Parliament. A resolution was passed unanimously, expressive of great satisfaction with the remarkable progress of the movement in favor of preferential duties with the empire. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Howard Vincent for his able and energetic advocacy of the cause. The meeting also decided in the event of inter Imperial trade relations being adopted by the British Empire, that, in the opinion of this League, Canada would be found ready and willing to bear her share of just and reasonable Imperial responsibilities. The following rider was negatived by a close vote: "Such trade relations can be best established, and such responsibilities be most conveniently borne by the mother country and colonies providing a revenue for Imperial defence from a small uniform *ad valorem* duty on all importations from foreign countries."

The address to the Queen, from both Houses at Ottawa, on the death of the Duke of Clarence, is as follows: "Most Gracious Sovereign,—We, the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, approach your Majesty with renewed assurances of our loyal and devoted attachment to your person and crown. The people of Canada have learned with universal and deep sorrow, of the affliction which your Majesty and your illustrious family have sustained in the loss of His Royal Highness, Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale. They desire to offer your Majesty the expression of profound sympathy which your people of the Dominion of Canada feel with your Majesty in the grievous calamity which has deprived you and their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, of a young Prince who was enjoying the happiest prospect of a long and illustrious career. Your people of Canada trust that all the wise beneficence of Providence will be pleased to comfort and support your Majesty in your present affliction; that in the love and devotion of your children and their descendants, and the affectionate sympathy of your whole people, you will find some alleviation of your present great sorrow. We pray your Majesty may long be spared in your illustrious position as the guardian of the destinies of this great empire." An address will also be presented to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Alaska Railway Scheme.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Ex-Governor Wm. Gilpin is at the Palmer House. Mr. Gilpin is a wealthy westerner whose pet scheme is to build a railroad to Alaska and across Behring straits to Asia, thence to St. Petersburg. In regard to the scheme Mr. Gilpin says: "When I first proposed it everyone laughed, but now all concede that it is a feasible project. I have caused several surveys to be made, and although it would not be like building a railroad over an Illinois prairie, yet it is not a bad country to build across. A railroad to Alaska is not such a wild scheme as would be supposed by those who have not studied the country it will traverse. On the route intended for the line, along the Pacific side of the range of mountains, there is a wide plateau which will be used for the roadbed. The line will certainly be built, although possibly I will not live to see it in operation. The time when it commences operations will mark the beginning of great development in the future in the northern part of the old and new worlds. It will be found, I believe, that Alaska and British America have immense deposits of valuable minerals, and with a railroad the fisheries and fur enterprise will have a great boom. The great California fever will be as nothing compared with the great revival of interest in Alaska and the immense country that will be opened when it is shown how great the as yet undiscovered wealth of North America is. The same will be true in Northern Asia as in America. While the enterprise will at once begin developing the territory on our own side, which will be made approachable by the new railway, there will be a tendency to retard the development of the comparatively new country on the other side."

Love at First Sight.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The report that Madame de Barrios, the young and beautiful widow of Gen. Justo Rufino de Barrios, the late president of Guatemala, was engaged to marry Senor Don Jose Martenez de Roda, who arrived on La Champagne on Sunday, may not have been true on Sunday, but in that case it seems to have become true yesterday afternoon. Senor de Roda paid his respects to the father of Madame de Barrios and last night Senor A. Parico informed a reporter that he believed the reported marriage was to take place. Although not having a title of nobility he is of a distinguished family and a member of the Spanish senate from Grenada. Madame de Barrios spent last summer in Madrid with her sister, Senorita Candelaria A. Barico, and it was at a ball given there by the Austrian embassy about eight months ago that Senor de Roda was first presented to her. He is said to have fallen in love with her at first sight.

A Terrible Storm.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A terrible storm of wind, rain and snow raged all night and to-day here and along the Atlantic coast, the wind being 60 miles an hour. At Long Branch, Ashbury Park, Atlantic City, much damage is reported. The sea is making heavy inroads on the land. Pavilions are blown down, etc.

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The Pilot Gets a Free Passage.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Pilot Robert Sylvester of pilot boat No. 16 is being carried across the ocean on the North German Lloyd steamer Trave which sailed yesterday for Bremen. Pilot Sylvester boarded the steamer at her dock and piloted her out of the harbor When the vessel got outside a hurricane was blowing and the waves were rising 20 feet high and frequently broke on deck, washing over the port bow. Outside Sandy Hook, Sylvester signaled to his vessel to come and take him off. The pilot boat was hovering in the wake of the big steamer waiting for a lull in the storm to send a boat over to her side for the pilot. Four men made the attempt to launch a boat and reach the steamer's side, but when a gigantic wave rolled down on top of the boat and its occupants and almost turned them over, they decided not to attempt further and pulled back to the pilot boat. They reached their vessel just in time, for another big wave dashed the frail gig against the side of the pilot boat, the men scrambled on deck and the row boat sank. During this exciting period the Trave was lying to about 50 yards distant. When it became evident to those aboard the steamer that the pilot could not be taken off the engines were started up and the Trave proceeded on her voyage with her unfortunate passenger aboard.

Changes in the Reading Staff.

NEW YORK, March, 2.—A Philadelphia special to the Times says: The organization of the official staff of the Reading Railway, necessitated by the acquisition of the Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central Roads, is progressing rapidly. It is understood although no official announcement to that effect has been made that President McLeod will relinquish the duties of general manager and that his place will be given to I. A. Sweigard at present general superintendent of the company and that William F. Bonza will be appointed general superintendent of the Jersey Central and Lehigh Valley and Reading are to have their own general superintendants, and it is understood that no changes in these respects will be made.

The German Unemployed.

BERLIN, March 1.—In the Reichstag yesterday Chancellor Von Caprivi demanded that there be reinserted in navy estimates a clause providing for the construction of cruisers and corvettes that had been eliminated by the committee which considered the measure. The Vulcan Shipbuilding Company of Stettin, the chancellor said, had been promised an order to build the corvettes provided for in the eliminated section. If the company did not receive the contract it would be compelled to discharge a large number of workmen. Already there were 5000 destitute workmen in that city. The Prussian Government was arranging to commence work in its shipbuilding yards earlier than usual simply to give employment to the workingmen at present unemployed.

Robbed of $10,000.

NEW YORK, March 1.—D. Horton, general manager of the Northern Pacific express at Broadway and Thomas streets, whom broker Col. Robt. W. Leonard accused of being one of the four conspirators who robbed him of $10,000 by means of a lot of worthless stock, was arrested yesterday at his home No. 62 Brooklyn avenue, Brooklyn. Horton pleaded not guilty and bail was fixed at $10,000 in default of which he was committed to jail. Horton told a reporter that he was innocent of wrongdoing.

The Baltimore's Sailors.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A paper has been filed at the State Department asking for reparation and damages, by the crew of the United States Steamship Baltimore, of the Chilean Government, for injuries received and false imprisonment undergone at the time of the riot at Valparaiso in October, 1891. The damages claimed aggregate $2,065,000.

"The Queen's" Prize Problem.

Mr. A. and Mr. B. have to cut down a mighty tree. The time 'twill take for Mr. A. this mighty tree alone to slay, is sixty minutes—standard time. Beneath B's blow, the bulk sublime goes to the ground in half that time. The question now we ask of thee is, how long 'twill take to cut this tree if both begin—one on each side—and thus their labor to divide?

The Queen will give an elegant Mason & Risch Fine Toned Upright Piano to the first person answering the above problem correctly; an elegant Gold Watch for the second correct answer; a China Dinner Set for the third correct answer; an elegant Silk Dress Pattern for the fourth correct answer, and many other valuable prizes, all of which are announced in the February issue of THE QUEEN. Valuable special prizes will be given for the first correct answers from each province. Each person answering must enclose ten three cent stamps for **"THE CANADIAN QUEEN CALOP,"** the latest and most popular piece of fifty cent copyrighted music issued during the past year, just out, together with sample copy of THE QUEEN. The only object of offering these prizes is to increase the circulation of THE QUEEN, which already is the largest of any publication in Canada. Every prize winner is expected to add to our yearly subscription. **By sending to-day you may secure a valuable prize.** Address THE CANADIAN QUEEN, "X," Toronto, Can. 4t

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Notice of Meeting at Victoria.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3,

at 10 a.m., when all persons desiring to give evidence touching the fisheries of the Province are requested to attend.

CHAS. F. WINTER,
Secretary.
New Westminster, Feb. 29, 1892. mh1-1d

VICTORIA BUILDING SOCIETY.

The Twenty-Third Drawing for an appropriation in connection with the above society will be held at Sir William Wallace Society Rooms, Broad street (opposite View), on Friday, the 4th of March, 1892, at 8 p.m.

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By order, A. ST. G. FLINT,
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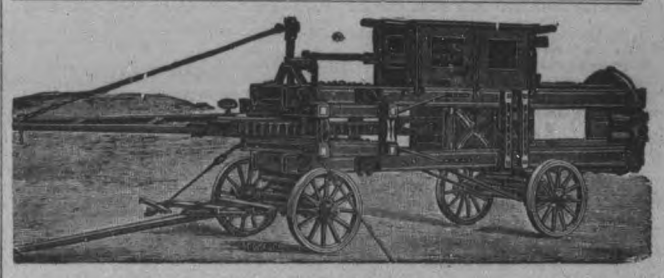

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A spacious hotel has been built for the accommodation of travelers. Stores and other buildings have also been erected. The townsite is being cleared and streets graded so as to forward the large amount of building that will be in progress as soon as material is secured for construction. A trail has been built to the mines, which will be replaced by a wagon road as soon as the work can be prosecuted. The grade to the mines is an easy one. An application for a charter to build a railway line into the mines from Kaslo will be made at the coming session of the Legislature. Everything is being done that circumstances will permit to give easy access to the mines and furnish supplies for the miners. KASLO CITY will have a large population this summer. It will become the supply depot for the richest mining section yet discovered in British Columbia. Unlike many mountain towns, it is most favorably situated on a gentle slope from the waters of a sheltered bay on Kootenay Lake, and is supplied for domestic and manufacturing purposes, by a large stream of pure cold water.

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WANTED—A nurse girl. Apply at No. 12 Scorosby street. fe23 tf

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THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

The report of the Royal Commission on the municipal affairs of Victoria, which we publish in full, will be interesting reading. The caustic pen of the learned Chief Justice is traceable in more than one paragraph of the report, which covers all the evidence taken by the commission. The charges made by the petitioners, with the evidence submitted in support and in rebuttal thereof, were published during the progress of the enquiry. The petitioners, it will be remembered, charged that there had been extravagance and misconduct on the part of the City Council during the past four or five years, and in support of this general charge particular acts of the Council were specified.

The Commissioners find: (1) that the charge of excessive expenditure beyond the ordinary current revenue has been established beyond the degree charged; (2) that the system of raising money by by-laws for special purposes is gradually exhausting the revenue by the charges for interest and sinking fund; (3) that the system of exemption from taxation and granting free water to manufacturing enterprises has added very materially to the burdens of the ratepayers; (4) that the increased expenditure has not been to any large extent on account of reproductive works; (5) that special loans have been temporarily used for purposes other than those for which they were raised; (6) that premiums on loans were expended as part of the current revenue instead of being placed to the credit of the special fund for which the loan was effected; (7) that temporary loans were raised by evasions of the act; (8) that the sinking fund has not been invested according to the act; (9) that the corporation acted for the best in making an arrangement with Mr. R. Ward for an advance for sewerage purposes; (10) that the sewerage commissioners were acting for a time without having been reappointed to office; (11) that Ald. Hunter was a large shareholder and director in a local company, which obtained the contract for sewer pipes and that he thereby acted in contravention of the act; (12) that the money received from the sale of the gravel pits has been absorbed as current revenue instead of being treated as capital; (13) that loan by-laws for more objects than one may operate viciously; (14) that the general charge of over-expenditure has been fully borne out by the evidence; (15) that there was no legal authority for various miscellaneous expenditures, such as those for Queen's birthday celebration, entertaining visitors, papers for advertising the city, etc.; (16) that Mr. McMicking received a commission of ten per cent. on the purchase of the electric plant; (17) that Ald. Coughlan held a controlling interest in and was managing director of the Asphalt Company which had a contract on the new market building; (18) that all the woodwork for the building was executed in the shop of Ald. Smith; (19) that the corporation sought the advice and assistance of the most competent men, on the sewerage question which was not shown to be faulty; (20) that $40,000 was thrown away on the Johnson street sewer; (21) that Beaver Lake should be abandoned altogether for the limpid waters of Elk Lake; (22) that the system of granting bonuses to individuals or companies is susceptible of improvement, by giving cash and nothing else, and applying to them the principle of voting by joint stock companies, whereby the assent of a clear majority of the voters on the list would be necessary before a bonus was granted; (23) that under the present system of collecting taxes at the end of the year the Council is compelled to resort to overdrafts or conduct the affairs of the city on an empty treasury; (24) that by-laws reducing special rates levied under the original by-laws are calculated to impair the credit of the municipality by diminishing the security of creditors; (25) that the extension of the corporation limits was not in the interest of the old city; (26) that the estimate of the municipal assets during 1891 does not seem to have been accurately made.

The above seems to us, after a hurried reading of the report, to be the principal findings of the commissioners. There are, perhaps, others of equal importance, but the report is before our readers and if we have failed to epitomize them all, a persual of the document will show the omissions. The report is interesting at the present time, chiefly as an expression of the opinions of the commissioners; the evidence upon which it is based was already familiar to every citizen. We are not prepared to say that the conclusions at which the commissioners have arrived are unfair or prejudiced. It may even be admitted that on the whole, the facts as adduced at the investigation, are impartially set forth and that the deductions therefrom are judicially accurate and logical. But enough importance does not seem to have been attached to the exigencies of the situation from year to year, with which the several councils had to grapple. The period was one of enormous expansion. Improvements were demanded by the people in excess of the revenues, and loans were voted without stint by the people for special purposes. If there was a carnival of extravagance it had its origin with the ratepayers. With three exceptions, the skirts of the members of the Council are clean, and these three exceptions are no worse, apparently, than are the cases of members of the Legislature and House of Commons who are members of private companies that receive grants of public moneys. The commissioners do not find that the aldermen, as a body, were actuated by any improper motives or that they were ever influenced by a desire other than the welfare of the city. The importance of the report, as indicating a prevailing laxity in municipal government, or its probable effect, cannot be minimized, and we have no wish to detract therefrom. In looking about for a remedy, however, another extreme must not be adopted. The municipalities will still insist on governing themselves. No government interference or censorship will be toierated in matters of purely local concern.

THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS.

Yesterday was nomination day for the Quebec Legislature, and its developments do not seem calculated to afford Mr. Mercier very much hope. Two members of the De Boucherville Cabinet, Nantel and McIntosh, were elected by acclamation, three private members on the Government side being also returned without opposition. The seats thus carried for the Government are Terrebonne, Compton, Laval, St. Maurice and Kamouraska. On the Opposition side only one member was elected by acclamation, Mr. Fitzpatrick in Quebec county. This gentlemen, while a strong opponent of the Conservative Government, has proclaimed himself no longer a follower of Mercier, and in the event of the Opposition triumphing will demand the appointment of a new leader. Of the 67 constituencies where contests are to take place there are several in which the Government candidates are opposed by Independents who are in the same position as Mr. Fitzpatrick. The Government has thus a decided advantage at the start in securing the election of five supporters to one Opposition member and in having its forces united, in contrast with the broken ranks of its opponents. In order to secure success the latter must carry 36 out of the 67 seats, a pretty heavy contract under the circumstances. The Conservative victory in the Federal election in Vaudreuil is also considered by the Government party as an omen of success.

The problem before the Quebec electors is perplexing enough, at least for those who look more to the public good than to mere party success. On one side they have Mercier, who is as yet the only Opposition leader in sight, and whose regime caused so much evil to the Province. On the other side are the De Boucherville ministry and its followers, whose traditions are equally disagreeable, for they call to mind the days when Mercier's predecessors were guilty of corruption quite as heinous as his. In fact the bad practices of the late Government were a direct consequence of the doings of Chapleau and of De Boucherville himself when they held the reins of power. To vote for the Government also means to endorse the arbitrary and tyrannical actions of Lieut.-Governor Angers in dismissing his constitutional advisers and violating the constitutional rule which requires the Legislature to meet once in each year. The electors have further to consider the fact that De Boucherville and Angers are practically the agents of the Ottawa Government, whose practices are much worse than those of Mercier, and whose interference in the affairs of a province is entirely out of order. In order to rebuke Mercier the Quebec electors must pronounce in favor of actions that are even worse than his. That is not a very pleasant situation for those who have at heart the welfare of the Province and are not guided by the spirit of blind partizanship.

Notwithstanding the advantage with which the Government starts, the result does not seem to be altogether certain, though the chances are in the Government's favor. Mercier has a potent weapon in the report of Judge Jette on the Baie des Chaleurs affair, which exonerates him from personal connection with Pacaud's robbery of the province. Of course this does not free Mercier from all blame, since it is plain that even if he had no part in the theft he failed most egregiously in his duty to the province by allowing the theft to be committed. For this he is in the same position as the Ministers at Ottawa, who permitted the stealing of great sums from the national treasury for the benefit of the Conservative election fund. Perhaps the most formidable obstacle in Mercier's path is the opposition of the Church, which has pronounced directly against him. This, combined with other hostile influences, seems likely to turn the tide against him too strongly to be stemmed. If it were by any means certain that the state of affairs in Quebec would be improved, all opponents of corruption in politics would be glad of his defeat.

There is considerable interest attached to Hon. David Mills' motion in regard to the London voters' list. It seems to be the impression that the revising officer struck off from the preliminary list the 229 names which the Liberals proved to have been wrongfully placed there, but when the corrected list went back from the Government Printing Bureau those names were still on. The question is, who ordered that these names should be left on if the revising officer struck them off? In this connection it is interesting to note that the great majority of the men to whom the Conservative managers in London thus sought to give votes live outside the constituency. From a list given by the Advertiser it would appear that only 49 live in London itself, while the rest are scattered far and wide, no less than 20 of them living in the States. It is surely not right that the Liberals should be called on to spend their time and money in trying to prevent such a wrong and then have the seat stolen from them after all.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Senator Boulton has incurred the ill will of his Conservative friends by boldly declaring in the Senate that the trade policy of the Government is worthy of condemnation. Premier Abbott seems to have punished Mr. Boulton by completely ignoring him, and others are insinuating that Mr. Boulton's bolt is due to selfish considerations. The senator is not a man who will be easily cowed by the Premier's wrath; neither is he likely to have changed his views from selfish motives. The significance of his revolt cannot be lessened by such accusations.

The Colonist, like other advocates of the Esquimalt Water Works Company's bill, spends much time and wastes many words in arguing away from the point. It is no answer to the city's contention to allege that many millions of gallons have been carried by Goldstream to the sea in past years, or that the city is not prepared at this moment to tap the Goldstream supply. The proper view is that Victoria now has the right to utilize that source of supply whenever it is found advisable, which must be within a very short time, and that the company's proposal is to take that right away. The Colonist's contention that the city has all the water it is likely to need for some time in Elk Lake is not well founded, for every person knows that the present supply is barely sufficient for present wants; and, besides, the pressure from Elk Lake is not great enough to send the water to the higher parts of the city, whereas Goldstream would furnish the necessary pressure without auxiliary pumping. On the other hand, the company has an abundant supply from Thetis Lake, but it also wants more pressure. As matters stand the city has control of the required facilities, while the company wants to gain control. No friend of the city would be found defending or even apologizing for this contemptible piece of robbery.

OUR CITY M. P.'s

TO THE EDITOR.—Our fair city of Victoria has the good fortune to have three representatives in the Dominion Parliament, and yet not one of the trio is at his post of duty. Is this right? Ought not gentlemen who accept a representative position to be prepared to subordinate their private business to their public duty? What have Messrs. Prior and Earle been doing? Some great public interest, I dare say, has been jeopardized by their absence from Ottawa, and perhaps more would be if they failed to file an appearance at all during the session. But what of the interests of the city which have been entrusted to their keeping? Not much was accomplished last session; will there be any more accomplished this? I hope so; but the indifference shown by our representatives in the matter of prompt attendance at the opening of the session may fairly be taken to augur an equal indifference in the prosecution by them of any interest excepting those of a purely personal nature. The genial colonel, I believe, is not urgently needed at Ottawa till the tennis season opens, or the budget of the War Minister is under debate; but Mr. Earle might do the city some service in a quiet way, and therefore I am glad to see that he is about to start for the east. But our own Frank (our third member by the grace of the good people of Cariboo) what is he doing lobbying a private water bill in which he is personally interested, through the Local House? This is all right enough in itself, but what will his nominal constituents up in the mountains think of it? There are quite a few Cariboo electors at present in the city, I believe; would they not be inclined to remind our Frank that his much vaunted concession re mining machinery will need renewal, if not extension also, this session? This busy gentleman spent only about two out of five months of last session at the capital, but this was all right enough too, for of course it saved to the country the extra sessional allowance of $500 which he would otherwise have drawn; and then it might have reminded him of "things at home" if he had had to vote on the expulsion from the House of the owner of the subsidized steamer Admiral. We are always glad to see the colonel and the dapper president of the transfer stables on our streets, but then if they prefer the climate of Victoria to that of Ottawa (and who wouldn't?) or if they have too much private business to look after, let them give way to those who have the time to devote to public affairs and will be at their post of duty from the first day to the last of the session.

STIREMUP.

Victoria, 1st March, 1892.

THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.

TO THE EDITOR:—The beauty of holiness, I am told, was well exemplified in one of our city tabernacles on Sunday evening last. Before the usual offering was made by the congregation to pay current expenses, the good pastor of the flock gave the following precautionary advice: "I pray you, dear brethern, to remember that there is a dicount of five per cent on American silver." Mr. Editor, can you tell me what the American eagle has done that the piece of silver with his picture on is to be subjected to indignities like these, even in our holy places? As a benefactor of the race I know he is "not in it" compared with our Canadian hen. But he is surely a good looking bird and the fact that the pieces of silver with his *fac simile* on it are found here in so great a number bodes no evil to us. By the way, if this latest species of half-starved conservatism is to be the order of the day and we are to even refuse American silver, why not make the rule general? Why should the currency of the important colony of Newfoundland be recognized in our country to such an extent that the banks to-day pay it out with American silver? Oh, ye Canucks, you are a strange people! YOUR COUSIN.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

WILL REMAIN HERE AWHILE.

Mr. Arthur Forrest, the actor who won fame on both sides of the Atlantic through his powerful impersonation of "Captain Swift," was found by a TIMES reporter yesterday afternoon seated beside the stove in the Imperial Theatre, industriously conning his copy of the play, "Divorce," in which he takes the leading part on Thursday night. Mr. Forrest said he was always pleased to meet the gentlemen of the fourth estate and had many friends among them. In reply to a query as to whether he were under engagement to appear at the Victoria Theatre Mr. Forrest said that he was not. It had got around somehow that he was to appear there, but such was not the case. His former company, he believed, were to play there, but he was not. He had never given any one any authority to use his name for such a purpose. Mr. Forrest then discoursed pleasantly upon actors, acting and plays in general. He considers "Captain Swift" one of the finest ever written, the language is so beautifully chosen and so full of meaning that it places the play rather beyond the appreciation of the common theatre goer. The audiences that enjoy "Captain Swift" most are those who enjoy such plays as Shakespeare's, Moliere's and the other great dramatists. The house on the first night in Victoria was very encouraging. At Vancouver they received almost an ovation. They had a pressing invitation to return there at some date early in the future. Mr. Forrest expects to play at the Imperial for a couple of weeks; by that time some definite arrangement will have been come to and he will know whether he will remain here.

FINE ARTIST WORK.

Since artist Buchan is steadily working himself up the ladder of fame, round by round, samples of his fine work, which he gets in very frequently now, are to be seen in many prominent places in the city. Mr. Buchan's latest is the hand painted show bill for "The Danites" on view at the bill board corner of Yates and Government. The bill is really a work of art, showing off the cleverness of the artist in a striking way. On one side is a frontiersman in "far western" garb, with Kentucky six foot rifle, buckskin jacket, coon tail hat, and all the rest of the millinery of the bold borderer. On the other side are various figures appearing in the play. The lettering is very skillfully done.

JUST AS PLEASANT.

Although not as well attended, the concert held in the new R. E. Cathedral last evening was just as enjoyable as the one held a few days ago. The same programme was gone through and all present considered the event a treat. The quartette by Misses Shaw and Stewart and Messrs. Lang and Sehl, was well rendered and received hearty applause. Mr. Lang's solo, and Mr Victor Austin's violin solo were both well appreciated. Miss Gauddyn's solo, as on all occasions, when that lady sings, received well deserved applause. The minuet by the children was very pretty and the Mother Goose melodies just as amusing. Miss M. Campbell acted as accompanist.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

To-morrow evening, March 3, the beautiful romantic play in five acts, "The Danites," will be presented at the Victoria by the Madison Square Company. As a scenic production it will excel anything ever witnessed in Victoria. The company is the best that can be found on the coast and the management certainly deserve encouragement. In addition to the play, and in order that some one may have a lasting souvenir of the occasion, every lady attending this week will receive a numbered coupon entitling her to a chance in the beautiful oil painting now on exhibition in Jameson's window, Government street. The drawing takes place on the stage of the Victoria, Saturday night after the performance. The only provision is the lady holding the lucky number must be presen, otherwise the next has a chance.

MAUDE GRANGER COMING.

Maude Granger's business manager, Frank C. ("Fritz") Thayer, a former New York journalist, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. He was introduced at the TIMES office by Manager Collins, of the Victoria Theatre, this morning. Mr. Thayer says this is the second trip to this part of the country and he likes it very much. Regarding Miss Granger's coming, said Mr. Thayer, she will appear at the Victoria Theatre for three nights, commencing next Wednesday, and will present three of her most popular plays. Mr. Thayer gave a glowing account of the lustrous-eyed beauty's great and successful trip this season. From his accounts it has been a more than eventful one. The company have travelled over 10,000 miles since September, their starting point being New York City. Miss Granger has, as always, a splendid supporting company, and her engagement will, without doubt, be one of the elite theatical events of the season.

THE IMPERIAL THEATRE.

"Uncle Dan'l," a comedy drama, was produced in good style to a large audience last evening. Mr. George Berry in the title role gave a clever characterization and kept the audience in continual laughter during his presence on the stage. His few pathetic speeches were well rendered, showing him to be equal to the requirements of the part. Clip was an entirely different character from any Miss Lyons has yet assumed in Victoria, a rollicking jolly little soubrette. She seemed to be fully at home. Miss Belle Inman gave an excellent performance of "Gerty true to Russel." She is always certain to please. Miss Kitty Berry astonished all who saw her in "Miss McGlom." The specialty, "My daughter's Young Man," a song and dance, scored a hit. Mr. Morton, Mr. Sumerfield, Mr. Brownson, Mr. Inman and Mr. Bennet, were all that could be wished, and an excellent performance was the result.

NOTES.

A rehearsal of the principals in the Pirates of Penzance will be held this evening.

Frank C. Thayer, business manager of the Maude Granger company, is in town arranging dates.

Manager Collins, of the Victoria, has some strong drawing cards in prospect for early dates.

A very pleasant concert was held by Columbia Lodge, Sons of St. George, at Spring Ridge last evening.

A farewell social will be given this evening at the Emanuel Batist Church to Rev. C. W. Townsend the retiring pastor. A splendid programme has been prepared.

The Victoria School of Arms has no intention of giving an exhibition, and there is no foundation whatever for the report that such an entertainment would take place.

There was another packed house last night at the Imperial; the audience enjoyed the presentation of "Uncle Dan'l" and showed their approval of the strong parts frequently.

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Twenty-Third Drawing.

The 23rd drawing for an appropriation in the Victoria Building Society will be held in the Sir William Wallace Society hall on Friday evening. The secretary still has a few shares on hand which can be taken up by application to the secretary.

Handsome Subscription.

Mrs. G. A. McTavish, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, has received a check for $50 for the institution from Mr. A. Van Lokeran, of Thenon Department of de'Ordogne, France. He requests that his name be placed on the list of annual subscribers for that amount.

Detective Bureau.

Mr. E. D. McNaughton has opened a private detective office in the Five Sisters block. The gentleman is well known in this city having carried on his profession here for some time. He has had lots of experience and will no doubt receive his share of the business a great deal of which in the past has been sent to outside agencies.

Vancouver Waterworks.

Sir Joseph Trutch, R. P. Rithet, Capt. John Irving and D. M. Eberts, M.P.P., of the Vancouver Waterworks Company, returned last evening from the mainland where they have been transferring their interests in the Vancouver waterworks to the corporation of Vancouver. The city now owns the works.

A Floating Dock.

Clarke's ship yard having been sold to Mr. J. C. Prevost, the former owner of the yard intends to build a floating dock which will be capable of accommodating ships of any size. Work on the dock will be commenced in May, when the ship yard changes hands, and it will be anchored somewhere inside the harbor.

Gun Club.

At last night's meetiug the following officers were elected:—President, Wm. Bickford; vice-president, W. H. Adams; secretary, H. N. Short; treasurer, C. B. McCluskey; captain, O. Weiler; committee of management, J. Thompson, E. Wall, H. L. O'Brien and S. F. Giles. Considerable business was transacted, and steps were taken to secure suitable grounds for shooting purposes during the coming season. The financial standing of the club is excellent.

Five Men Discharged.

The second mate, deck nightwatchman and three of the crew of the steamer City of Kingston have been discharged on account of an accusation that they had something to do with taking five Chinamen over to Port Townsend a few days ago. The Chinamen were found in one of the life boats, the canvas covering having been unstrapped and then strapped over them again, so that somebody belonging to the boat must have been implicated.

At the Police Court.

The case of R. Mason, charged with the larceny of rock from the city, was taken up. H. Courtney testified that he had received verbal permission from Commissioner Lynn to take the rock. He made arrangements last winter with Commissioner Lynn to take a quantity of rock which the city did not require, and had agreed to divide with the commissioner. The court discharged the accused. One drunk known as "the marquis" paid the usual penalty.

Concert and Dance.

The Oddfellows Hall at Spring Ridge was the scene of a pleasant social last evening, given by the society of the Sons of England of that suburb. The usual features which go to make up an interesting programme were gone through with, nearly every number being encored, and everybody seemed to be in a happy frame of mind. After the concert a lunch was served, and then the gathering indulged in a few hours of dancing, not the least pleasing feature of the evening.

Chinese Sneak Thief.

About 10 o'clock this morning a Chinaman entered the store of Mr. John Silva, Store street, and after waiting around for a few minutes, snatched $6.75 which Mr. Silva had placed in his coat pocket, and ran toward Fisgard street. The old man could not keep pace with the Chinaman and the thief was soon out of sight. Mr. Silva reported the matter to Officer Abel who instituted a search for the thief, but did not find him. The Celestial is known and it is probable he will be caught.

Christian Endeavor.

The union meeting of the Christian Endeavor societies and the Epworth leagues, which carry on the same kind of work though under different names, was held last evening in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, Pandora Avenue, according to the announcement made from the pulpits last Sunday. All the evangelical denominations were represented and the work of the various branches was described. On the whole, progress made thus far was very gratifying. Valuable papers were read and discussed and profitable suggestions made.

Shaving sets at Fox's.

A Pleasant "At Home."

The Hebrew Young Men's "at Home" held at Harmony Hall last evening was very largely attended and an enjoyable time was spent, the young men proving themselves to be good entertainers. The music supplied by the Bantly family orchestra was all that could be desired and added much to the pleasure of the evening. A good supper was provided by Mr. G. Crosson. To the following gentlemen much of the success of the "at Home" is due: President, H. A. Levin; secretary, A. Lewis; treasurer, F. Landsberg; committees of management, J. Davies, B. Phillips, J. Lukov, L. Waxstock, I. Waxstock; reception, N. Pack, C. Phillips; floor, R. Ekstein, B. Sherman.

Table mats at Fox's.

Clearance Sale of Furs.

Capes, Dolmans, Boas, Collars, Victorias, etc., in every variety of Fur, reduced to cost at the City House. *

Just Arrived.

Queen olives, sauerkraut, German salt pickles and mixed pickles in bulk, at Watson & Hall's, 55 Yates street. *

The Clarence Hotel.

The Clarence hotel will be re-opened on March 1st. Rooms by the day, week, or month. Per night 50c. and upwards. Offices to rent. GEO. ASHTON, prop. *

No Quorum Present.

The meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club called for last evening did not materialize, there being no quorum. The object of the meeting was to receive the report of a committee appointed to decide upon an appropriate trophy for the club, the former one having finally become the property of one of the members.

Take a Turkish Bath.

The B. C. Medico-Electric Institute has decided to reduce the price of Turkish baths to $1. To enable all to avail themselves of a clean bath in comfortable apartments, hot and cold water baths in connection with a rejuvenating shower bath will be given for the moderate price of 50cts. Open day and night, including Sundays. Tickets for sale at the office, 76 Yates street. *

Sheriff's Sale.

In obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Supreme Court on the 25th day of February, directed to Sheriff McMillan, in the suit of Braden & Stamford for the sum of $766.50 and interest at 6 per cent. per annum, together with sheriff's fees, the sheriff has seized the Turkish bath outfit at the corner of Broad and Yates streets. He will sell the goods by public auction on Friday morning.

The Report Not Believed.

A few days ago a report was brought to the operator at Port San Juan to the effect that a three-masted schooner had been sighted of the cape bottom up. The steamer T W. Carter, which was there at the time, went out to try and find the schooner but failed. No reliance is placed on the report as if any accident had befallen any of the schooners something more would have been heard of it.

Claims the Case Was Tried.

The case of Louis Marbœuf, on remand, was called this morning at the police court. Mr. Hunter, who appeared for the defence, proved that Mr. Marbœuf had been tried for the offence and had been discharged, and that he could not be tried again on the same charge. Some authorities were cited in favor of this contention. The court did not argue with Mr. Hunter, but adjourned the case until to-morrow to look into the objections.

A Good Spectular Effect.

Last night about 10 o'clock, those passing along Fort street in the neighborhood of Blanchard were startled to see the new Roman Catholic cathedral burst out into a mass of crimson flame. The interior of the building seemed to be fiercely ablaze, and some excitable persons, without taking a second look, rushed off to turn in an alarm. The cause of the glare was the burning of crimson lights for the tableaux going on inside. The sight from the street was maghificent. From every window a perfect blaze of ruddy light streamed out and illuminated all the buildings for a considerable distance around. It is to be doubted if those who were enjoying the concert inside were treated to a spectacle half so grand as the exterior of the cathedral looked while the red fire was burning.

"Charles Dickens."

There was a good attendance in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church last evening to hear Mr. Burns, principal of the Victoria High School, lecture on Charles Dickens. The chair was occupied by the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, who, in a few words, introduced the lecturer to his audience. Mr. Burns lived for some time in the same district as Dickens and was therefore able to give many facts respecting the celebrated author and his works which were not only new but interesting and instructive to his hearers. The characters in Dickens' novels were not creatures of the imagination but living realities, some of whom Mr. Burns had seen frequently. The lecture was very well received and Mr. Burns, on concluding, received a hearty vote of thanks for his able effort.

Wedding at South Saanich.

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday afternoon in St. Stevens' Church, South Saanich, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. W. H. Bissett, the popular proprietor of the Sydney Hotel to Miss Fannie Thompson, third daughter of Mr. William Thompson. The bride was supported by the Misses Rehynart of this city, and the groom by Duncan Ross, B. A., the highly esteemed teacher of Colwood school The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Christmas, after which the guests, to the number of about one hundred, assembled at the residence of the bride's father, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared. The presents given were numerous and costly, and if good wishes can produce happiness Mr. and Mrs. Bissett will be very happy indeed.

The World Enriched.

The facilities of the present day for the production of everything that will conduce to the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and when Syrup of Figs was first produced the world was enriched with the only perfect laxative known, as it is the only remedy which is truly pleasing and refreshing to the taste and prompt and effectual to cleanse the system gently in the Spring time or, in fact, at any time and the better it is known the more popular it becomes.

The Latest.

Photographs on handkerchiefs, book marks, etc., will not break, wash out or fade, see samples at Jones & Co., 60 Yates street.

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A PERPLEXING SITUATION.

An Aboriginal Well-Digger who Discovered Something Besides Truth.

"Indian Tom," of Benallyket, was employed a few days since by a brother red-skin to dig a well on Little Valdez Island. Tom has imbibed some paleface ideas in the matter of work, and being blessed with a good physique sent the clam shells and cobble stones flying in great shape till he had reached a depth of about 10 feet, when he struck a layer of ashes. This to his untutored mind was somewhat peculiar. However, the success of the undertaking depended on getting water, so he buckled to it again and immediately under the ashes found what he was looking for, but wishing to earn a reputation as a well-sinker he concluded to go a little deeper and make a sure thing of it. Alas for human hopes! Almost the first blow of the pick sent it crashing through the skull of one of his primeval ancestors, which poor Tom carried to the surface with as much want of confidence as a prudent man would display in handling an unexploded bombshell. Soon a council convened and all the "ifs" and "ands" and "buts" duly weighed and considered, but in vain; the traditions of the tribe afforded no precedent and their combined philosophy fell short of the situation. In the meantime the water was rising in the well and adding a new perplexity to the situation. Should they drink it? They were completely baffled; the council adjourned and Tom was sent as a representation to lay the case before Father Donckele at the Industrial School at Kuper Island. The reverend gentleman reassured him to some extent by informing him that similar discoveries had often been made, but whether the aborigines are using the water the writer cannot say, and it is too grave a subject to guess at.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE.

Definitions, From Different Standpoints, of What Constitutes Drinking Water.

Hon. D. W. Higgins, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, returned Monday night from New Westminster on the steamer Princess Louise. Mr. Higgins had been attending the sittings of the Fisheries Commission at the Royal City. He was met by a TIMES reporter and freely related his experiences. As had been published in dispatches to the Victoria press, the doctors of Westminster had differed very materially on the important question as to whether offal thrown into the river would produce typhoid fever or not. The medical health officer of Westminster, Dr. Smith, testified before the commission that water in which offal had been thrown was not injurious to the health of those who drank it. Other doctors gave a directly opposite opinion. Mr. Arthur, of Ladner's Landing, drew attention to the bad condition of a slough near that place, he said it was deadly.

And it is deadly, said Mr. Higgins. On my way down I stopped off to examine the place for myself. The slough is very offensive. Thirty or 40 farms and houses empty their drainage into it; filth of every description is allowed to be flung into the slough. The water itself is actually in a putrescent state. Around the margin all manner of decaying matter can be noted, and yet the people use this loathsome stuff as drinking water. It may seem incredible but such is the case. The fatal results which follow can scarcely be attributable to offal which is flung into the Fraser. This slough is practically stagnant; it rises and falls with the tidal ebb and flow in the river, in an oily, disagreeable fashion. No currents of fresh pure water sweep through it with cleansing effect; the same water stops there continually. It is indeed a noisome pool. The Johnson street ravine here was nothing to it. The water there used to rush rapidly along; it had some chance of purification, and yet no sane person would ever have thought of drinking that water. But the water in the slough at Ladner's is incomparably nastier than that in the Johnson street ravine ever was. That slough has to be seen to be understood. There is evidence to prove that it is a deadly spot. I am not prepared to say that offal flung into the river is not dangerous to health but so far as that slough is concerned I believe the distressing and fatal results which have occured through the use of the water have arisen from the deposits to be seen there at any time, and not from the offal. I am informed that the stench arising from the slough in the heat of the summer is almost unbearable.

Mr. Higgins did not care to express any opinion as to the probable result of the commission, with respect to legislation to meet the case, or what action the Government was likely to take upon the recommendations of the commission.

Contract Awarded.

Messrs. Humber & Sons have been awarded the contract for the Wilson block on Yates street near Douglas. The building will be four storeys high and have a frontage of 60 feet and cost in the neighborhood of $27,000. Work of tearing down the old buildings will be commenced immediately. E. Mallandaine, jr., is the architect. The site on Yates street, where the Seattle restaurant, Irving's boot store and Patton's fruit store are, is a good one and the handsome building that the plans call for will show off well. The four stores on the ground floor will be nicely finished, the fronts to be of plate glass. The rooms and hallways will be finished in cedar polished, showing the natural wood in all its native beauty. The four floors will be provided with hot and cold water baths and other modern improvements.

Placing the Pontoons.

Work on the sunken collier San Pedro began yesterday morning. Spratts' Ark towed several pontoons round to the outer wharf and then took out two to the steamer, when they were sunk and securely fastened by means of strong chains. This work occupied the whole day and was accomplished only after a good deal of difficulty. These pontoons have been placed aft, under the counter of the ship, where they will exercise a powerful pressure when filled, the contour of the hull at that point giving immense purchase. This morning the Ark was hard at work sinking more pontoons around the vessel. The sea was calm as glass and everything was favorable to the work. It is estimated that it will require over a week to sink all the pontoons and fasten them down securely. The average will be two a day, although when the work becomes more familiar to those engaged greater expedition may result. The Ark comes in to the outer wharf every night to tie up, and goes out at daybreak each morning. The pontoons are now all right and fit for service, the trouble with the caulking having been overcome. All the pontoons are to be sunk before the air is pumped into any of them, so that an equal pressure will be brought to bear in the attempt to raise the steamer off the ledge. With the power available it is believed that she is bound to come.

The Deadly Electric Fluid.

About 2 o'clock this afternoon as Mr. Croft, the proprietor of the Janion Hotel, Store street, stepped out of his office, he noticed a small blaze right over the front door of the building, where one of the District Telegraph Company's wires was located. Going inside Mr. Croft tried to ring the call-box in order to see if it would work, when all at once a sheet of flame burst from it, making a large hole in the box. It need not be said that Mr. Croft showed no further anxiety to investigate the mysteries of electricity, but retired to what he considered a reasonably safe distance. The fire outside burned quite a large hole, but it was extinguished before much damage was done.

The Interior Trade.

The Hudson's Bay Company are building two new freight schooners, one on Stewart Lake at the headquarters of the Fraser, and the other on Babine Lake at the headquarters of the Skeena. The schooners are to take the place of the row boats that formerly carried the company's freight on these lakes and is another move to help the company cope with the increasing trade of the interior. The freight is taken up the Skeena to Babine Lake, loaded on the schooner which runs from one end of the lake to the other, a distance of 110 miles, then packed nine miles across a portage to Stewart Lake. Thus the waters of the Skeena and Fraser rivers are connected. Messrs. E. B. Marvin & Co., are shipping the rigging for the new schooners.

Almost a Fatal Accident.

About 4:30 yesterday afternoon as Captain Clarke was crossing Government street at its intersection with Yates, a Douglas street car appeared in sight, rounding the corner at a tremendous rate of speed. The captain did not see the car approaching and but for the shouts of spectators would haveundoubtedly been run over. As it was, he was struck lightly by the car as he jumped off the track. Conductors should be more careful in coming around corners

High School Changes.

Mr. J. F. Smith commenced his work yesterday as third assistant teacher in the High School. In addition to other subjects Mr. Smith takes History in all the divisions—a subject of which he possesses an extensive knowledge, and which he is eminently qualified to handle before a class. Mr. Smith's place in the Boys' school has been taken by Mr. McNeill, whose merit entitles him to a higher position.

The Maher-Fitzsimmons Mill.

Quite a little interest is being manifested in this city in the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight which takes place at the Olympic club, New Orleans, this evening. Fitzsimmons is the favorite in Victoria the betting being 100 to 70 in favor of him. The first news of the fight will be received about 7:30. Messrs. Petrie & Jackson of the Delmonico have arranged to receive the result of the rounds as they are fought.

The Honest John Enquiry.

The select committee to enquire into school matters held no meeting yesterday and the door was therefore wide open. No one knows what kind of evidence has been or will be given, but everyone knows even now what the report will be. As the enquiry hinged on Latin papers, the report of the committee will no doubt be presented to the House in Latin.

The Fatal Black Pellet.

Recently five names were proposed for membership in the Union Club, and when voting time came all the five were blackballed. It seems that the behavior of some of the lately admitted members has not been such as to commend itself to the older habitues, who therefore scrutinize all proposed names more closely that was formerly done.

Neat Pocket Books.

The Canada branch of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, of which Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., are agents, have issued two neat little books. One is a pocket diary for 1892 and the other is a very neat vest pocket note book. They are got up without regard to cost, being bound in fine morocco.

County Court.

There are more cases to come up at the sitting of the County Court to-morrow than there has ever been in the history of the city. The Standard theatre case is the last one on the list, and the case of Mills vs. Harbottle is away down on the list.

Not Yet Let.

The contract for the Duck building on Broad street had not been let at 4 o'clock this afternoon, although tenders have been looked into and one of them about decided upon.

Jumped the Track.

About one o'clock to-day the head trucks of one of the electric cars jumped the track in making a switch on Government street. A delay of fifteen minutes in getting the car on the rails again was the only result.

To the Public.

Notice is hereby given that neither Mr. Forrest, Miss Baby Devlin, nor any other member of my stock company have been engaged by Mr. John Cort or any other manager of the Victoria theatre as is advertised by them for next Thursday.

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The Grandholm will probably sail for England shortly.

Steamer Danube will not sail for the north until to-morrow.

Steamer Lorne came in last night and is now at the outer wharf.

Steamer Mystery is loading lumber at Sayward's mill for Albert Head.

Ship Czar finished loading lumber at Hastings on the 29th and sailed to-day.

Ship Riversdale arrived at Hastings on the 27th, to load lumber for Sydney.

Bark Mistletoe arrived at Hastings yesterday to load lumber for Wilmington, Deleware.

Steamer Badger arrived from Comox to-day with 115 tons of coal for the Albion Iron Works.

The four-masted ship Craigend arrived at Hastings on the 28th to load lumber for Melbourne.

The steamer Costa Rica will come out of dock this afternoon, and go to Departure Bay to load coal.

Steamer Wilmington has been chartered by the C.P.R. to do the coast freighting for the China steamers.

Steamer Whitelaw is on Lang's ways undergoing repairs to her hull below water line. Her copper sheathing shows signs of considerable wear. The upper planking is also to be recaulked.

Capt. Urquhart, the Vancouver pilot, arrived down last night, and reports a large amount of shipping as having entered Burrard Inlet during the past week. He says the outlook for shipping is good for the coming season.

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Within the last few days several splendid photographs have been taken at the Queen Art Studio, at 43 Fort street. One fine picture, a lady in evening dress, being especially attractive. The work done at this studio is without doubt the finest that can be obtained in the whole world. This is the opinion of all who have seen the work. *

A rather small audience assembled in St. John's Church school room last evening, to patronize the entertainment given in aid of the choir fund, but this did not prevent it from being a big success. Mrs. I. W. Powell spared no pains in making the evening pleasant and all present enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Very Handsome Offer.

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THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Report of Commissioners Begbie and Drake on the Civic Affairs of Victoria.

Comments on the Evidence---Commissioners Believe Many Charges Are Sustained.

Irregularities of the Municipal Administration Pointed Out and Condemned.

By virtue of the commission to us directed, dated 17th October, 1891, we have caused an enquiry to be made into the conduct and management of the municipal affairs of the corporation of Victoria. A preliminary list of thirteen charges, or complaints, afterwards supplemented by further complaints, were fully enquired into by us, and all witnesses who could throw any light on the subject were examined and cross-examined by counsel for the petitioners and for the municipal authorities.

The charges and the formal answers will be found in the Appendix, Part 1, and in Part 2 the evidence which was adduced before us.

The municipal council admitted most of the complaints made, but only differed as to details.

EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURE.

The first charge, of excessive expenditure beyond the ordinary current revenue, in fact covers the greater portion of the complaints made. This charge was not only admitted, but, as we think, established beyond the degree charged.

Section 98 of the "Municipal Act" provides that no municipal council shall have power to incur any liability beyond the revenue for the current year, and the revenue for the use of the council shall commence on the first day of the year until the end of the year.

This limitation is, of course, subject to the power to raise by way of loan such sums as may be deemed necessary for extraordinary purposes in any year. But the ordinary revenue is not otherwise to be exceeded.

Yet we find that not only has the annual revenue been habitually—it can hardly be said systematically—exceeded (for no sort of system appears to have been followed), but we find also that loans raised for special purposes have, in one instance, been misapplied, and often carried to wrong accounts, and capital funds used as if they were merely income. This confusion has arisen not merely from extravagance and inaccuracy of apprehension, but to a great extent from the time and mode in which the regular income is raised and received by the corporation.

The city revenue is derived chiefly from water rates, real estate tax, licenses and fees.

The real estate tax, the main source of supply, is payable at the end of the year, and consequently there can be no knowledge, but merely an approximate estimate of the amount which the corporation can expend. But as the expending commences at once the corporation is driven into incurring debt, even from the first days when it comes into the office. The necessary funds are naturally and easily obtained by an over-draft at their bankers, to be made good when the rates come in in November. The result of this facile accommodation shows that the council for some years past have, at the end of their term of office, left a large and annually increasing balance due to the bank for the incoming council to meet. This deficit for the year 1891, amounts, according to the auditor's estimate, to $113,000. This is an indebtedness incurred beyond the year's income, and is, in fact, money borrowed without the sanction of any bylaw or any of the safeguards provided in the "Municipal Act." It would seem, therefore, to have been illegally incurred, and not recoverable against the corporation. No council has ever had the power to bind the corporate property for the repayment of loans of this character. Successive councils appear to have persistently ignored the provisions of the statute in this respect. But owing to the laxity which has hitherto prevailed in observing the statutory safeguards, the commissioners think it would be inexpedient, perhaps harsh, that the bank should be made the losers of this large sum. The overdraft seems to have been incurred and the money to have been expended with the full knowledge and acquiescence of the ratepayers, who have had whatever benefit has been derived from a large part, at all events, of that expenditure.

When the expenditure of the city for the last few years is examined, it is apparent that the system of raising money by bylaws for special purposes is gradually exhausting the revenue by the charges for interest and sinking fund.

In the year 1889 these charges amounted to	$31,594
In the year 1890 these charges amounted to	50,284
In the year 1891 these charges amounted to	61,340

But this does not disclose the total amount which the city may be called upon to pay. There are sundry bylaws showing a contingent liability which may any day be converted into an actual liability. This subject is referred to later on.

Not only has the annual revenue raised and spent by the corporation increased with this alarming rapidity; not only have its future tax bearing capacities been thus pledged and anticipated at a constantly increasing ratio, but it is of still deeper interest to note the rate at which the capital debt has been accumulating.

According to a return furnished to us by the corporation, the earliest loans amounted to $150,000—in 1874 and 1875 for water works purposes. These were followed in 1877 and 1878 by $40,000 more for the same purposes; in all, $190,000 raised for this one purpose, which was admittedly a perfectly legitimate object of a loan. Then followed a period of seven years during which the corporation expenses were defrayed by the ordinary annual revenue, and no loan was made. In 1885 and 1886 $146,000 more was raised, partly for electric light plant and water works, but, as to $50,000, nominally for "street work;" a somewhat indennite phrase, which does not, however, appear to include anything justifying a loan. After 1886 there was a short pause. But in 1888 there commenced a much more liberal era. Between August, 1888, and last year, in a little more than three years, no less an aggregate than $797,500 has been raised by way of loan. And to this there must be added the very considerable bonus to the Saanich railway, guaranteeing $20,000 per annum for twenty-five years, the present worth of which probably exceeds $300,000. It is true this is only a contingent liability, but the company must be a *bona fide* company, or no such guarantee would ever have been given; and being a *bona fide* company, the contingency on which the bonus is payable will certainly arise. Nor is this by any means all the capital which has been used up in the last three years. Various bonuses include an exemption of the favored recipients from all taxation of their stock and real estate, and unlimited grants of water, free of all price or stint, for manufacturing purposes, etc., the money value of which can hardly be ascertained. But it is evident that every $1000 per annum of taxation which the city thus abandons, is exactly equivalent to raising a capital sum of $20,000 at 5 per cent. and bestowing it on the privileged individuals. Under such circumstances it seems probable that the resources *qua* capital of the corporation have been diminished or burdened in the last three and a half years to the extent of at least $1,200,000 (for the reasons above given it is impossible to calculate within a few scores of thousands of dollars the amount for which the corporation is or may become liable). This is at least six times as much as in any previous quadrennial period. This enormous increase of capital obligation has been concurrent with an equally liberal augmentation of annual taxation, which has again been overstepped in a constantly increasing ratio by the ordinary annual expenditure. The ordinary revenue from taxation of real estate, water rents, fines and fees, and other annual sources amounted in 1887 to $50,000 or $60,000. In 1888 it amounted to about $133,000; in 1889, to about $186,000; in 1890, to about $202,000; and 1891, to about $315,000, while the interest on overdrafts during the last four years, showing how far even this increasingly augmented income has been exceeded without the authority of any bylaw, has in 1888 amounted to $1,538.67; in 1889, to $1,780.85; in 1890, to $2,970.08, and in 1891 to $8,757.12. And other expenditures seem to have been advancing in a similar ratio, which is neither arithmetical nor geometrical, but something more progressive than either.

The expenditure of the city on other heads has been increased from $228,736 in 1888 to $954,069 in 1891. This enormous increase has by no means been expended on reproductive works. For instance, the expenditure on streets, a very important portion of the council's duty, has only been increased comparatively in a slight degree. In 1888 the amount was $44,772; in 1891, $75,816, of which sum about $13,000 in round numbers was derived from the sale of the gravel pits, making the actual amount expended out of revenue $55,816 in 1891, or an increase of $18,000 only; while on non-reproductive matters, including objects of mere ornament and luxury—Alderman Lake, two or three wolves and deer and their keepers, the entertainment of visitors, entertainments in which the members of the council found it necessary to take a part—the expenditure amounted to far more than the additional expenditure on streets.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF LOANS.

It is acknowledged that the loans raised from time to time have been paid into general revenue, instead of being placed to separate accounts, and these amounts have thus become liable to the general banker's lien in respect of advances made to the corporation on their general account.

It is admitted that in 1889 the overdraft due to the bank was repaid by appropriating to that purpose the balance in hand of certain loans raised for the special purposes of the water and fire department, amounting in the aggregate to $62,000; the consequence was that the incoming council had little or no money in hand, and had to borrow from the bank the funds necessary to carry out the works for which these loans were ostensibly raised.

PREMIUMS ON LOANS.

In 1889 five loans were raised, amounting to $215,000, on which premiums amounting to $4567 were received. These premiums were expended as part of the current revenue, and not treated as being what in fact they were, moneys forming part of the capital fund raised on the credit of the bylaw, and bound to be wholly appropriated, therefore, to the objects for which the money was raised; and in at least one instance that of the moneys produced by the sale of the gravel pits, which were the property of the corporation, nearly two-thirds of the whole has been swept into the year's receipts and expenditure, and so appears in the accounts now published, added on to the produce of real estate tax and water rates and other ordinary revenue.

TEMPORARY LOANS.

The corporation in the years 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891, passed bylaws for temporary loans without carrying out the formalities required by the money bylaw, alleging as an excuse for this omission that these bylaws contemplated the repayment of the loan within the current year; but in no case were these loans repaid within the current year, nor apparently was the least attempt made to repay them, or to convert the temporary into a permanent loan. It seems to us that these loans have been raised by evasions of the act.

Since April, 1891, the council have proceeded to borrow for current expenses moneys to be repaid within the year; and bylaw after bylaw has been passed, gradually increasing the successive amounts, the stipulated amount being continually overstepped and each successive bylaw being delayed until the amount due to the bank was greatly in excess of the amount sanctioned by the previous bylaw. This shows at least great irregularity and miscalculation in the manner of conducting the financial operations of the city, and resulted in raising the amount paid for interest to the bank on overdraft to nearly $9000.

SINKING FUND.

The sinking fund has not been invested according to the act, and is lying at the bank carrying 3 per cent. interest to an amount in excess of $100,000, and, practically, this sum has been lent to the corporation at 6 per cent. interest. Thus the corporation have been paying 3 per cent. for the use of their own funds.

Perhaps, indeed, there never was a case which more distinctly exemplifies the mischiefs alleged by political economists to be inherent in the whole system of a sinking fund. The corporation have never been able to borrow at less than 5 or 6 per cent. They pay that amount, therefore, for their sinking fund, upon which, when collected and deposited, they never get more than 3 or 4 per cent. This operation is now affecting a sum of $130,800.

SEWERAGE.

The debentures issued by the corporation for this purpose amounted to $300,000, bearing 4 per cent. interest nominal. It was anticipated, whether well founded or not, that these debentures could be readily disposed of on favorable terms; but owing to the stringency of the money market these anticipations were disappointed. The corporation had in the meantime entered into a sewerage contract, on which payments became due, which they were called upon to pay. To meet these, an arrangement was made with Mr. Robert Ward for an advance, and the debentures were pledged as security. The terms of this arrangement are set out in pages xxxix and xl of the evidence. The commissioners, under the circumstances, consider that the corporation acted for the best. They have been informed since the inquiry opened that the debentures have since been sold at 91. It is possible that if the debentures had been issued at 5 per cent. there would have been little difficulty in disposing of them at par.

With segard to charge 6, sub-section *(a)*, it is admitted that the sewerage commissioners were appointed on the third day of September, 1890, and that their appointment was not renewed, as required by the act, section 96, sub-section (96); but we think that their acts during the time they were acting without authority should, if necessary, be confirmed.

With regard to the contract for pipes: The contract was given to a local company which had put in the lowest tender; but it is clear that the contractors, at the time they tendered, had not the necessary plant for carrying out the works, and the larger pipes have been, in fact, all supplied from San Francisco. We think there is no reason for saying that the pipes supplied were of inferior quality. The engineer of the sewerage works has all the necessary powers for rejecting inferior pips, and has apparently exercised that power from time to time. But it is to be remarked that Mr. Hunter, one of the aldermen, is a large shareholder in and director of this local company which obtained the contract, and was a member of the committee on sewerage which allotted the contract. We think that he has thus acted in contravention of section 27 of the act.

There appears to have been considerable delays in delivering pipes, and the sewerage contractor may claim compensation from the corporation for delays. If such is the case the Pottery company may have to make good the damages; but that will depend on the construction of their contract and the pecuniary capacity of the company, on which the commissioners express no opinion.

GRAVEL PITS.

The corporation sold six acres, called the gravel pits, which realized in gross $23,235.29. The petitioners allege that this was valuable property of the corporation and ought not to have been sold, as future councils will have to purchase gravel elsewhere. A great deal of evidence was adduced on this subject, the present members of council alleging that it was, in fact, cheaper to contract for graveling roads than to supply the contractors with gravel. On the whole of the evidence the commissioners do not offer any opinion as to the prudence or imprudence of the sale of this property; but the money realized ought, according to the terms of the bylaw, to have been expended, after realization, on the streets. This has not been done, or only very partially. The exact expenditure out of the sale moneys cannot be accurately ascertained, though it appears to be $13,151.48. How this was spent we do not know. The balance of the purchase money, $10,083.52, was paid into the bank as current revenue, and has, somehow or other, been absorbed. The amount due to that institution has been reduced *pro tanto*. In point of fact, the proceeds of the sale ought to have been treated as capital and not as forming part of the year's ordinary revenue at all.

The bylaw passed 19th August, 1891, authorizing the sale of these gravel pits, contains a clause for the appropriation of the proceeds to the improvement of the streets of the city. This clause was probably a very strong inducement to the ratepayers to pass it; but it has been, at all events partially, ignored, the corporation having charged against the amount realized other moneys expended by them for streets prior to the sale. But it is not clear that this method of converting capital into income is within the powers of a bylaw under the "Municipal Act."

ILLEGAL DIVERSION OF LOAN MONEYS.

The evidence shows the balance required for completion of Johnson street sewer, $7675, was not taken from the amount raised under the sewerage bylaw, but was paid out of current revenue, and was, in our opinion, correctly so paid. It was pointed out to us that some of the loan bylaws were for more objects than one. This may operate viciously in two ways: A voter may be so much in favor of one object, A, that he will vote for the bylaw, though he would if he could, veto object B; or he may feel so strongly against object B as to veto the whole bylaw, though he would have approved of A, standing alone. In neither case would there be a true expression of opinion on the bylaw. In some instances the money raised for several objects has been expended on only one of them. We think that each loan bylaw should be confined to one distinct object.

RECKLESS CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

This is a general charge of over-expenditure, and appears to be fully borne out by the evidence.

In February, 1891, the corporation passed a bylaw (No. 132) authorizing an expenditure of $235,417. What the sum actually expended has been cannot be ascertained, because the books have not been made up; but the expenditure had already, at one of our early sittings, exceeded the estimated amount, and the sum due to the bank at the end of the year was by the auditor, in his evidence, estimated at not less than $113,000.

The aldermen are divided into committees, and these committees appear to carry out their duties and authorize expenditures without the least regard to the requirements of the other committees or to the bylaw limiting the total expenditure to the annual income. For instance, the total amount allotted to be expended on streets for 1891 was $9000. The amount actually expended was in excess of $75,000.

The council seem to consider that as long as they can get credit at the bank they may expend as ordinary revenue the money thus obtained. They have persistently ignored the act, and have expended large sums which the current revenue is entirely unable to meet.

The expenditure on salaries, $75,522, seems a large amount for administering a revenue (in 1891) of $311,000. From this, however, the police and fire departments, together $35,000, ought to be excluded; but $40,000 is expended in payments under the head set out in schedule A.

The superintendence of streets alone absorbs $8820, and to control an expenditure of what in the estimate of expenditure amounted to less than $10,000 (page xxxiv., evidence). These $8820 are apparently for permanent salaries, and go on whether there is work to be done or not.

Among these salaried officers is that of auditor. An auditor ought to be an officer independent of the council; one who should refuse to sanction any payment not authorized by law. The present auditor's duties seem to be merely to check the accounts and examine vouchers. He is not an auditor in the ordinary sense of the word, and his supervision is merely that of a paid clerk of the council. In his evidence (p. liii.) he stated that it was the habit of the outgoing council to make payments after the 31st December; and in order to be within the literal wording of the act, they antedated the checks so that they appeared to have been drawn in the month of December, although in fact they were drawn between the 31st December and the date of the new council coming into office; and yet the auditor passed, and perhaps was bound to pass, these accounts, although they must have shown on their face, when compared with the checks, that they were paid before they were due.

We wish it to be fully understood that nothing in these remarks, or in the evidence before us, impugns in the least either the integrity or the ability of the present so-called auditor. We only wish to insist that there is not any audit or auditor with proper powers.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

In examining the accounts for 1890 the following items appear under the head "Miscellaneous:"

Queen's birthday celebration	$ 775
Dominion Publishing company	150
Agricultural	500
Entertaining farmers' delegates	233
Edition (special) of "Times"	570
Omaha visitors	125

And in the year 1891 the following:—

Secret service	$ 500
Five hundred copies of "Colonist"	300
Fleet Ball	498
Address to mayor	100
Empress of India (presentation of plate)	262
Trades and Labor club	250
24th May celebration	1,426
"Victoria Illustrated"	2,000
"North Western Review"	989

The commissioners fail to find any legal authority for these expenditures. Not one of them would have been allowed by an independent auditor, and many of them should be borne by the councillors who authorized them, and not by the ratepayers.

It also appeared in evidence that McMicking, the council's electrician, received a commission of 10 per cent. on the purchase of the electric plant, and has not accounted to the corporation for it, although he was at the time the paid servant of the corporation, employed by them for the purpose of arranging the purchase. It does not appear that his right to such commission was or could be sanctioned beforehand. It evidently made it for his interest that the price should be as large as possible.

Any individual ratepayer could probably have obtained redress for the sums misapplied as mentioned in this and the preceding paragraphs.

On this building and land the sum of $100,000 has been expended, but that amount has been sanctioned by the ratepayers. Whether the money thus raised has been usefully expended we do not express any opinion.

It is to be remarked that Mr. Coughlan, an alderman and one of the market committee, holds the controlling interest in a company called the Pacific Asphalt company and is its managing director. As alderman he had a voice in deciding that the floor should be of asphalt. As committeeman, he had a voice in awarding the contract and approving the execution. This company had the contract for laying down an asphalt floor. It was further shown that all the woodwork for the building, amounting to over $12,000, was executed in the shop of another alderman, Mr. A. J. Smith. In both cases the statute and their oaths of office have been ignored by these gentlemen. In neither case, however, was it attempted to be shown that the corporation suffered loss, or that the work was imperfect.

SEWERAGE AND WATER WORKS.

There remains two most important matters, both of which were largely discussed before us, but upon which we feel quite incompetent to give any opinion. However, we think it proper to say this much:—

As to the sewerage system, the corporation appear to have sought the advice and assistance of the most competent men within their reach; nor has the system actually adopted been impeached at all by anybody, we think, as faulty in theory, if duly carried out. Defects have been alleged, and as hotly denied, in the execution. The methods of working, trenching, etc., have been attacked as extravagant, and defended as economical. If there be anything faulty under either of these heads, the contractor will have to make it good before he receives payment. The quality of the pipes laid has, we think, not been impeached even by hostile witnesses; though this is due to the vigilance of the engineer, and not to the sagacity of the council, in ensuring their supply. Some delay has been caused by the inadequate supply, but this is all that can be alleged.

The Johnson street sewer seems $40,000 thrown away.

WATER WORKS.

By the Victoria Water Works Act, the revenue, after payment of the current expenses, is appropriated to the general purposes of the city.

The water commissioner ought to be an engineer experienced in this class of work, and he should have the sole control and sole responsibility of the works, the council supplying the needful funds. The late engineer resigned because the control of the hydrants was removed from him, whilst he was expected to continue responsible for the efficiency of the system.

As to the water works, the corporation seem to have acted on the advice, at least in the first instance, of a regular scientific engineer, and to have adhered to his plans with a fatal tenacity. We have been favored, by the courtesy of the mayor, the Honorable Robert Beaven, M. P. P., with a copy of Mr. Bulkley's original report. A large part of the preamble is occupied by demonstrating the superiority of soft water over hard, for domestic purposes, and Elk lake water, both before and after entering Beaver lake, is very soft. Chiefly with the view of securing as large a reservoir as possible, and an extended basin of supply, Mr. Bulkley recommended that the water should be taken into the pipes at the lower end of Beaver lake, where he proposed to place filter beds, to eliminate any impurities, Elk lake being pure and limpid and Beaver lake being little better than a morass of peaty formation. But it had been overlooked that his early praises of soft water were chiefly due to its extreme power as a solvent. By the time the limpid water of Elk lake has passed over the three-quarters of a mile of peaty bed it is still quite clear, but it has absorbed extract of peat so that it is of the color of tea. And it would be as futile to attempt by filtering to restore the contents of the teapot to its former condition, as to try to get pure water by filtering Beaver lake. We think that it is time that this should at length be recognized, and that the complaints of the consumer of the strong flavor of morass, which not even boiling will completely cure, should be attended to. This can only be done, we think, by taking the water direct from Elk lake. This will involve no doubt a further considerable outlay. What is suggested to us is to abandon Beaver lake altogether; to have a dam to rise six or eight feet above the surface of Elk lake, for which it is said there is a favorable place; and a mile of new pipe laying. It is suggested that this new dam will provide an additional stratum of water beyond the present natural supply, of about 400 acres, six feet deep, or about 640,000,000 of gallons; a supply of 60 gallons per day for 50,000 people for 200 days without rain. It is proposed to take this supply midway between the bottom and the surface of the lake; self-filtered water, since organic impurities float towards the surface, and inorganic impurities sink to the floor. It is proposed to have at the lake a tower fifty feet high, and by steam power to pump it to the summit, so as to serve the highest points of the city by gravitation; this in substitution for the present steam pumping apparatus in Victoria, which has to drive the water 150 feet high. It is said that this scheme can be carried out for $100,000. Upon this scheme we offer no opinion, except that much money has been spent for objects of less immediate or practical utility.

CEMETERY.

From the evidence, it appears that some painful mistakes have been made, but these are not likely to occur again, as they appear to have arisen more from misconception of duty than wilful carelessness or neglect. As to the charge that the corporation are likely to lose the land purchased, owing to an incumbrance affecting the property, we do not think there is any cause for alarm.

BONUSES.

We do not think it within our province to offer any opinion as to the general policy of granting bonuses to individuals or companies in order to induce them to establish industries or means of communication in the city. Assuming this to be desired, there yet remains much to be considered as to the form and manner in which they are granted.

It seems the admitted policy of the legislature that the power of thus pledging the revenues and corporate property of the city should not be vested in the council alone, but that the whole body of taxpayers should have an opportunity of judging of the expediency of the resolutions to which the council have arrived. But it seems obvious that, in order to form a judgment, the bylaw submitted to the popular vote should state, or enable the voters to calculate, what it is they are voting about. And inasmuch as a large portion of each bonus hitherto granted—perhaps, in most cases, the larger portion—is quite unknown and incapable of being estimated, it is clear that the voters must be very much in the dark. We allude to those provisions in most of the bonus bylaws which undertake to provide gratis all the water which the grantee may think fit to take, and which exempt all his stock and improvements from taxation, along, perhaps, with a cash grant of $10,000 or $20,000. Many manufactories could, without difficulty, take all the water coming through the pipes. As a matter of fact, Mr. Yale and Dr. Peers did establish mills on the streams which included all the water from Elk and Beaver lakes, and found it insufficient during a large portion of the year, so that those mills were abandoned. This was long before the city water works were thought of. But ever since the introduction of water into the city, we have been informed that it has, on more than one occasion, been

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land at Barclay Sound, commencing at the post northeast corner of James McKay's lot near Pachena Bay; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains to point of commencement.

GEO. A. HUFF.

Dated at Alberni, this 11th day of January, 1892. ja15-2m

NOTICE.

FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE I SHALL not be responsible for any debts contracted without my written authority.

W. F. TOLMIE.

Victoria, Sept. 2, 1891. se2-tf

NOTICE.

I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY debts contracted by my wife or any other person on her behalf.

JOHN J. RUSSELL,
Strawberry Vale Farm

Victoria Dec. 11, 1890. de12-tf

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the city of Victoria at its next regular meeting for a transfer of our license to sell intoxicating liquor at the "Mirror" Saloon, Yates street, corner Broad, to James Munger and Alexander G. Black.

W. R. MUNGER,
JAMES MUNGER.

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THE "MUNICIPAL ACT, 1891."

Notice to all whom it may concern:

TAKE NOTICE that I, Andrew Rusta of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, intend to make application to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their sitting in March next, for the transfer from William Somerville to myself of the liquor license of the premises situate at the corner of Store and Discovery streets in the said city.

Dated at Victoria this 30th day of January, A.D., 1892.

ja30-1m ANDREW RUSTA.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of Low & Alice, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will hereafter be carried on by Mr. Alice, who will collect all debts due the firm, and pay all liabilities.

Dated the 17th February, 1892.

CHARLES P. LOW.
fe18-1m THOMAS H. ALICE.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Licensing Court for permission to transfer the license held by me to sell liquors at the premises known as the Gordon Hotel to George Dougherty.

CHARLES BREWSTER.

Victoria, 30th January, 1892. fe1

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I intend to make application to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at the next sitting thereof, for a transfer of the license to sell liquor by retail held by me in respect of the premises known as the Railroad Hotel, Johnson street, Victoria, to the new building and premises known as the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Milne Block, Johnson street, Victoria.

Dated at Victoria this 13th day of February, 1892.

fe14 JOHN BEGG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend applying to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Land and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land situate on the south shore of Nahmint bay, Alberni canal: Commencing at a post on the shore of Alberni canal: thence west 80 chains; thence north 40 chains to the Nahmint river; thence meandering east along the shore to the place of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

H. R. McINTYRE.

January 30th, 1892. fe1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Licensing Court at its next sitting for a transfer of the license to sell beer, porter and ale with meals on the premises known as Steitz Restaurant, Yates street, from George Steitz and John Pelletier to George Schmith.

WALKER, PEMBERTON & DUMBLETON,
Solicitors for George Schmith.

Dated the 4th day of February, 1892. fe5-1m

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend applying to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land, situate on the south shore of Sarita Lake, Barclay Sound, Alberni District:—Commencing at a post at head of lake joining W. Braden's claim; thence east 20 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 20 chains; thence north along lake shore to place of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or less.

G. C. SAUER.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 20th, 1892. ja20-2m

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend applying to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Land and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land, situate on the north side of Uchucklesit Harbor, Barclay Sound:—Commencing at a post adjoining Josiah Jaques' claim, in Gunboat Harbor; thence north 20 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence east along the shore to the place of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or less.

JAMES O'NEILL.

Victoria, B.C., 12th Jan., 1892. ja12

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 90 days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land situate on Logan Creek an Effingham Inlet, Barclay Sound and about 3 miles from mouth of inlet on east side. Commencing at a post joining N. E. corner of Indian reserve; thence east 70 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 60 chains; thence east 10 chains; thence north 20 chains to place of commencement, containing 620 acres more or less.

F. McQUILLAN,
T. J. BURNS, JR.

December 30, 1891. jan5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 90 days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land situate on Logan Creek, Effingham Inlet, Barclay Sound, Alberni district. Commencing at a post joining N. E. corner post of F. McQuillan and T. J. Burns' claim; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

FRED. WIDDOWSON,

December 30, 1891. jan5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land, situated in Alberni District, Vancouver Island, and more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at the northeast corner of the land purchased by Beaumont Boggs, being Section 78; thence along the line of the said land in a westerly direction 40 chains; thence in a northerly direction 40 chains, more or less, to the line of the Indian Reserve; thence easterly along the line of said Indian Reserve about 40 chains to the shore line; thence along the said shore line to the point of commencement; containing in all 160 acres, more or less.

W. D. McGREGOR.

Victoria, B.C., January 16th, 1892. ja22

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 90 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land situate on Logan Creek, Effingham Inlet, Barclay Sound, Alberni district. Commencing at a post joining the N. E. corner post of F. Widdowson's claim; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

MORRIS MOSS.

December 30, 1891. jan5

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for a license to sell wine, beer and spirituous liquors in the Hotel Victoria, corner Government and Johnson Sts., Lots 1258 and 1259, Victoria, B.C.

P. T. PATTON.

Victoria, 5th February, 1892. fe5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend applying to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land situate on Nahmint river, Alberni canal: Commencing at a post on the river and about 1 mile west from Alberni canal, thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains along the bank of the river to place of commencement, containing about 160 acres more or less.

January 29, 1892. FRANK G. NORRIS.

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THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

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used as a source of mechanical power. Now the supply at present, for domestic and residential purposes is no doubt ample, and we believe it might easily and cheaply be doubled; but so may the population of Victoria in a very few years be much more than doubled. And the unlimited right to use any material or product, without measure and without price naturally leads to waste.

But suppose that no inconvenience or restriction results to private inhabitants (who, however, have surely the first and preferential right to be accommodated), other considerations occur to us. The water rate occasionally charged already to private individuals is not less than $10 or $15 per month. It may easily be conceived that a woolen or paper manufactory or a railway station would use ten times that amount; suppose, $1000 per annum. But that annual sum would, at 5 per cent. per annum, enable the corporation to support a loan of $20,000. The grant of free water, therefore, apart from all other consideration, involves an addition to the bonus of that amount. Is this fully understood by the voters when their opinion is asked as to the expediency of the bylaw? In like manner the stock and improvements of a manufactory or mercantile concern, of the dimensions which the bonus system seeks to attract, would not be less than $100,000. The taxation upon that would, at the ruling rates, amount to another $1000 per annum, the remission of which, in fact, amounts to the gift of another $20,000 bonus in cash. It may be questioned whether the voters have always been aware of this.

All bonuses ought to be in cash and nothing else. Upon these alone can an intelligent vote be given. If the petitioner for a bonus knows the value of what he demands, he ought not to refuse to state it; and if he urge, as he probably may urge with truth, that he cannot calculate beforehand what the value of the water may be, or what the value of his stock and manufactory, he surely cannot expect that the voters can know. And it seems useless to expose the absurdity of two parties agreeing to something when neither of them know the meaning or effect of the subject matter of the agreement.

We have already remarked upon the Saanich bylaw, which has always been treated as a merely contingent annual obligation. But if the company be a *bona fide* company, the contingency will surely come to pass; and the obligation to pay the sum of $20,000 for twenty-five years is equivalent, at 5 per cent., to rather more than $280,000 cash, and at 4 per cent. to rather more than $300,000 cash. This, in addition to free water without limit, and exemption from taxation of all their stock and buildings.

The manner in which bylaws are passed appears to us also to require revision. When this Saanich Railroad company bonus bylaw was submitted to the popular vote there were upwards of 1800 voters on the list; but there were not 500 in all who voted upon the bylaw, which was carried by a majority of three. In other words, this enormous liability was fixed upon the whole body of taxpayers by three voters only.

It is quite possible that even this majority was entirely composed of the seven promoters and proposed donees of the bonus.

The legislature evidently contemplates every description of loan, whether for a bonus or any other object, as something apart from the ordinary business powers of the council, which are confined to raising and spending the year's income. When any special or exceptional operation is proposed in an ordinary joint stock company (and a municipality is in effect merely a joint stock company, of which the council are the directors), the general rule is that it must be carried by a certain proportionate majority of those entitled to vote. We suggest that instead of its being possible for three men to place a liability in their own favor of upwards of $300,000 on the city, no loan should be legalized except by the assent of a clear majority of the voters on the list, voting in proportion of at least three to two at the ballot boxes.

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

The commissioners have already pointed out that the system of collecting the taxes at the end of the year renders it difficult for the council to ascertain what money they are entitled to expend. If the council on entering on their duties could have the taxes in hand they would be able to control their expenditure and save the heavy payment of interest on overdraft, which has already been referred to. And the consciousness of a practically unlimited power of overdraft tends to improvident expenditure, just as the consciousness of a limited supply of ready money tends to economy of administration. The evil might be curbed if the council were authorized at the beginning of each year to overdraw for the average amount of property tax during the previous three years, and not more. The inconvenience is, or should be, limited to the revenue derived from the property tax (were it not from the large arrears demanding instant attention habitually left by each expiring council to its successor). The water rates, fines, dues, etc., come in monthly. We think a limited power of overdraft is more convenient and economical than changing the time of payment of taxes from the end of the year (at present in November) to January or February. But under the present system it is unavoidable that either a debt should be incurred or that the necessary work of the council should be prevented from advancing. We have to notice another point, which is of importance.

CONTRACTS BY OUTGOING COUNCILS.

It appears that it is the custom of the outgoing council to let contracts at the end of the year without any bylaw as required by the act, leaving their successors to pay or reject the obligation. The successors have hitherto paid and not rejected these contracts. We think that in this respect both the outgoing and incoming councils have acted contrary to the act.

BYLAWS REDUCING RATES ON LOANS.

Our attention was also drawn to a series of bylaws, 91 to 110 inclusive, reducing the special rates which were to be levied under the original bylaws, and on which rates the debentures were issued and sold, to the amounts mentioned in the new bylaws (which, however, require the sanction of the lieutenant-governor, which they have not yet received). These bylaws were passed under section 101 of the act of 1891. This section is taken from section 350 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, chap. 174. But on reference to that act the council there can only reduce the rate for the single year next following, and then only in case there are sufficient funds in hand to pay the interest and instalment of sinking fund and certain imortant recitals are necessary, showing the original special rate, the balance in hand of such rate, and the surplus income derived in such year from any temporary investment of sinking fund. None of these safeguards are contained in the British Columbia Municipality Act, and the reduction is to be for all future years. And if the rate be once reduced there is no power to restore it, even if from circumstances the reduced rate be subsequently found insufficient.

This mode of dealing with municipal securities is calculated to impair the credit of the municipality, and, in fact, authorizes the council to diminish the security of their creditors, and to that extent to repudiate their solemn obligation, the original rates being specially mentioned and charged in each debenture as part of the creditor's security.

EXTENSION OF CITY BOUNDARIES.

It is very probable that the heavy rate of taxation complained of in the memorial, and the continued increase of that rate, is due to the large and continual extension of the city boundaries. When new districts are annexed, the corporation acquires, it is true, the right to levy rates on the additional lands, but it becomes liable to correlative obligations. The new enrolled citizens all expect prospectively to enjoy the advantages already possessed by the old citizens, including the use of the works and machinery and experience which the earlier body have acquired at great expense to themselves. And they all immediately have votes in the election of delegates to assert and enforce those expectations. The expense on any street, of police, watering, laying sidewalks, sewerage, lighting, and perhaps some other matters, varies very nearly in proportion to the length of street accommodated. But an owner on Government street pays rates on an estimated value of $1000 or $2000 per front foot. An owner in one of the newly annexed districts is rated at $10 or $15 per front foot. He contributes for his lot perhaps less than one-hundredth part as much as is charged to the Government street lot; but he expects, or at least asserts a claim to, a larger outlay than is devoted to Government street. If the city of Victoria had remained within its original limits, as when first incorporated, there is no doubt that today a much lower rate than 1 per cent. would amply meet all her ordinary requirements. But as to the newly annexed districts the present rate of 1 per cent., or even a rate of 10 per cent. per annum on them alone, would not suffice to furnish them with conveniences, apparatus, etc., equivalent to those which the original corporation has already procured for itself. So long, therefore, as the policy is to provide by means of the general revenue for the street laying and sidewalks, water-pipes and lighting, connection, etc., in the outlying districts, it is necessary to tax the proprietors of the original townsite thus heavily, so as to provide beyond their own requirements a surplus which can be applied for the improvement of the newly annexed lots. We submit that as the taxpayers of the older portions of the city have provided these things for themselves wholly out of their own resources, so the making of new streets, the laying of proper water pipes, lighting connections, etc., if desired by the owners in the annexed districts, should be wholly borne by them, either by special rate, or in such other manner as may be found expedient, and not out of the general revenue of the city, nor by a general loan, the weight of which would fall mainly on the owners of the original townsite, nor perhaps (except as to sidewalks) until the newly annexed citizens express such desire. They would still obtain great advantages in being admitted as co-owners in such matters as the water works, police and fire departments, etc., as organized. It would be difficult or impossible for them to obtain water elsewhere; and separate fire and police establishments would certainly be more expensive, and probably less efficient, than those already existing. Ten or fifteen years ago all sidewalks were paid for, not out of general revenue, but as here suggested, by the owners of the lots accommodated.

The municipal accounts for the year 1891 have been published in the newspapers, but not brought officially to our attention, nor has any evidence been given concerning them or any part of their contents. We have thought it, however, within our duty to peruse them, but without any skilled assistance. There are two or three matters which appear of interest. 1st. It does not appear who made the estimate of municipal assets, or whether that estimate had been checked in any way. The signature of the so-called auditor, of course, merely means that the items in the accounts correspond with documents or estimates laid before him; not that he has formed any opinion of his own as to value. Yet the water works are set down as an asset worth exactly $1,000,000. In December, 1889, they had been valued at $484,116. In another compartment of the accounts for 1891 the whole construction account is set down at $513,974. It might be interesting to ascertain the motive of this sudden rise of $516,000 above 1889, representing nearly the entire estimated surplus of the municipal assets over liabilities ($530,183). There does not appear any authority, even by bylaw, to expend $500 on "secret service;" or $300 for 500 copies of a 5-cent paper; or for several other items which were nevertheless set out, it must be said, without any attempt at concealment. It is not clear how the corporation have received $300,000 from the sewerage loan, and also $239,181 from the British Columbia Corporation company, limited. If there be any error here, or in the sudden and enormous rise in the value of the water works, it may be difficult to retain the estimate of the value of the city assets above the city liabilities. But these questions, which probably are capable of immediate explanation, are not necessary to be dealt with in a report under our present commission.

PASSENGERS.

Per str. City of Kingston from the Sound—D T Hoots and wife, W Moore, W Smith, Jos Davis, B F Schultz and wife, Mrs Bell, L O Young, A Abrams, E Ullman, Wm Winks, H Barnes and wife, R McGeorney, J Hansen, W S Kellogg, G Nesbitt, J T Collins, T Bess, Alice A Syches, E Cowper, Mrs Lewton, F Hemans, M R Smith.

Per Steamer North Pacific from the Sound—Jos May, Mrs Ruin, N A Denny, H Taylor, H Merrifield, Mrs Dobbs, J E Vanogle, S Taylor, H Miller, E Kinman, Jim Smith, L Kinsley, W H Finley, Maud Howe, Mrs McCutchin and daughter, L Laurence, Johnstrod, S H Robbing, J Nolson, Mrs McIntyre.

Per Steamer Islander from Vancouver—Capt John Irving, Sir Jos W Trutch, G D Robertson, Mrs Boss, R D Collins, Wm Husse, R S Day, C H Clossan, John Hendry, E B Madill, Capt Urquhart, Mrs Snow, A McDermitt, C S Richardson, Jane Hurhes, J Wilson, H Abbott D M Eberts, T F Sinclair, Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Collins, H McGee, A P Luxton, J C Maclure, J S Anderson, A R Foxley, Wm Murchie James Riddelo, Capt Walbrin, Thos Mordue, Miss A Jones, R P Rithet, W H Dorman, J E Boss, J Dickinson, J Mather, C B Mussen, Mrs Dawson, J B Lovell, Alex Ewen, A St Geo Hammersley, Jas Murchie, Capt Cahington, John Lowse, Mrs Wright.

CONSIGNEES.

Per str. City of Kingston from the Sound—Matthews R & Tye, E G Prior & Co, Gilmore & McA, J Barnsley & Co, G A Frazier & Co, H Jordan, J H Todd & Son, R T Williams, R Borthwick, Van El Ry & L Co, Wm Gardner & Co, J Phœnix, T Allice & Co, Fell & Co, McMillan & H, Heirst Bros, D R Ross & Co, E & N Ry Co, Elford & Smith, Hughitt & Mel, Chas Beahm, W P Sayward, Lowen & Erb, C Drilling, G Henderson, E B Marvin, T V L & M Co, D S Curtis & Co, J Barnes.

Per Steamer Islander from Vancouver—Col Inland Rev, Miss Matthews, R B McMicking, Ames Holden & Co, W Skene, T B Pearson C Strouss & Co, Lens & Leiser, J W Peppett & Co, Russell, McD & Co, J Hutcheson & Co, A Gregg & Son, Stevens & Jenkins, T Houghton, Mrs Bickford, J W Miller, Thos Shotbolt, W G McKenzie, W J Jeffree, H Haller, E B Marvin & Co, D H McMillan and Co, T W Horner, Lockhart and Co, Dom Pub Co, Ramsay Bros and Co, A B Gray and Co, A Adelson, Fred G White, J T Jones, W Gissall, Sing Lee and Bro N K Tram Co, R H J, Dom Exp Co.

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I do feel better, I had a bath at the B. C. Medico-Electric baths at the corner of Yates and Broad street and I feel myself a perfect man this morning. Strange isn't it? Try it.

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Acre tracts at Kaslo City from $150 up. Terms given. O'Neill & Cowie, 204 Yates street, Victoria. *

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A lecture on the above subject under the patronage of HIS HONOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA and the MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, will be delivered at the

VICTORIA THEATRE,

ON MARCH 7th AT 8 P.M.

—BY—

C. Phillips-Wolley, F.R.G.S.

Late British Vice-Consul to Southern Russia, in aid of the starving peasantry in the corn-growing districts of Russia.

The funds collected will be distributed through English agents, and will not be handled by Russian agents.

Admission to parquette and dress circle $1; gallery 25c. fe29-td

AUCTION SALES.

GEORGE BYRNES, AUCTIONEER.

AUCTION

THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd,

AT 11 A.M.

FURNITURE

I have been instructed by R. F. Daly, Esq., to sell by auction at his residence, 124 Richardson street, all his well kept and nearly new Furniture, consisting of

DRAWING-ROOM—Over-Mantel, Plush Sofa, Bamboo Settee, Chairs, Tea Table, Music Stand, Corner Chairs, Ladies' Rocking, Easel and Book Stand, Handsome Lamp Brackets, Ornaments, Screen, Brass Fender and Fire Irons, Brussels Carpet.

DINING-ROOM—Oak Sideboard and Dining Table, Plush Bed Lounge, Dumb Waiter, Book Case, Dinner Set, Glassware, Lamps, Hearth Rug, Stair and Hall Carpets, Oilcloth, fine Brussels Carpet with border, Mats, Poles and Blinds, Umbrella Stand, Filter, Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine.

BEDROOMS—Three Bedroom Suites in Oak and Pine, Mattresses, Pillows, Bedding, Chamber Sets, Carpets.

KITCHEN—A fine Acorn Range No. 8, with hot water pipes, cooking utensils, tinware, crockery lamps, meat safe, steps, wash tubs, lanterns, jars, carpet sweeper.

SUNDRIES—Lawn mower, garden hose, sprinkler, garden hammock, frame and tent garden tools, rose spray, etc., etc., etc.

G. BYRNES,
mh1 Auctioneer.

GEORGE BYRNES, AUCTIONEER

AUCTION.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2,

AT 11:30 A.M.

CARGO OF

FINE LUMBER

On account of whom it may concern.

I have been instructed to sell at auction at the Dry Dock, Esquimalt, the

CARGO OF THE SHIP "DOMINION,"

consisting of 900,000 feet, more or less, of well assorted lumber, as it lies at the wharf at Esquimalt. It is of extra quality, from the Hastings mill, and will be sold en bloc.

Also 160,000 Laths and 11,000 feet of Pickets.

For further particulars and specifications apply to

GEO. BYRNES,
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TO THE PUBLIC:

I have started a

Horse-Shoeing Business

In Grimm's old building on Johnson street, between Broad and Douglas. Thanking all of my old patrons for past favors, I solicit a share of the public trade.

fe1-1m WM. HODGE.

MUNICIPAL.

United States Silver Coin

ON AND AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF March next, the Treasurer and collectors of the Corporation of the City of Victoria will receive United States silver coin only at a discount of five per cent.

CHAS. KENT,
fe26 Treasurer.

COAL

The New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Co., L'd.

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Dec. 30. Superintendent.

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FOR SALE—All that piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Victoria, and described as Section 56 Spring Ridge on the official map. Containing good sand for building and other purposes.

ALSO—Two lots, each 140x45 on North Park street, a few yards from Cook street tram line, described as Nos. 5 and 6 of Subdivision Lot 1, Suburban Lot 18, Victoria city.

Tenders (terms cash) for either or both of the above properties to be sent to the undersigned not later than Thursday, March 10th, 1892. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

THOMAS BURTON,
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Good land, in Township 14, New Westminster District. For further particulars apply to

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Superintendent
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You Will Never Regret It.

Makes the home bright,
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TO THE PUBLIC.

I have learned that certain parties are going around the city circulating a story to the effect that I have sold my wood business to them. It is entirely false, and if further circulated the guilty ones will be prosecuted. I will have my name on my wood-sawing machine to prevent further deception, and will still be found at 151 Fort street, ready to fill all orders satisfactorily.

N.B.—After the 1st of April I will move directly across the street to 140 Fort street.

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fe27-1m

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The British Columbia Land & Investment Agency, Ld.

(SUCCESSORS TO ALLSOP & MASON.)

In view of the low rate of interest given by the Dominion Savings Bank Department, and the restrictions imposed as to the amount to be deposited, this Company is now prepared to receive money on deposit, in large or small amounts, at interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and on favorable terms as to notice, etc.

The offices of the Company have been removed to 40 Government street, the premises lately occupied by the Telegraph Company.

Dec. 30.

REAL ESTATE LIST.

P&M VICTORIA P&M

$350—One lot, 60x130, on Oak Bay avenue car line.
$275—One lot on Tennyson road, 42x202 ft.
$1000—Two lots on corner of Banks street and Leighston road.
$475—One lot close to car line on Douglas street, 60x125.
$250—One lot in "Davidson Addition," Boleskine road, on easy terms.
$300—Two lots on Richmond avenue, close to the car line.
$1150—A 4-roomed cottage situate on Fort street. Terms $300 cash, balance two years at 8 per cent.
$200 per acre—Several blocks in sizes to suit, from one to 10 acres, easy terms.
$850—One lot on St. Charles street, close to Fort street.
$700—One lot on Moss street, on easy terms. All cleared.
$850—A 4-roomed cottage, Old Esquimalt road. Terms $300 cash, balance in payments extending over 18 months at 8 per cent.
$700—One lot on Michigan street, James Bay.
$850—One lot on Hillside avenue.
$850—One large lot on Gorge road, close to car line.
$700—One lot on Garbally road, close to the Fountain.

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For full particulars see large advertisement in this paper. Lots are now selling at $85 and $95 a lot. Terms, one-third cash, balance in three and six months at 8 per cent.

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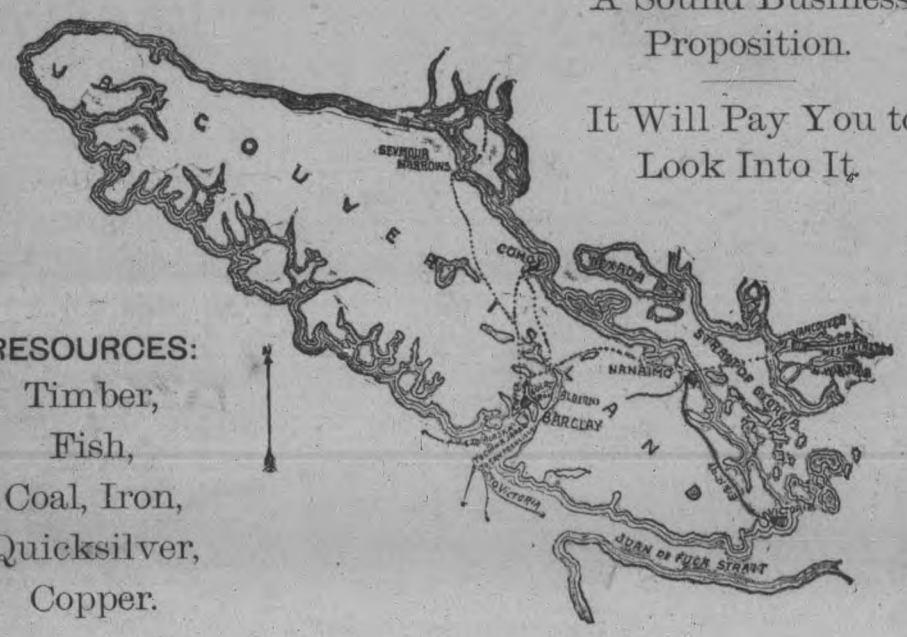

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VICTORIA, B. C.

The President of Harvard.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A Boston special to the Times says that President Eliot, of Harvard, will start to-day on a two months' trip to the Pacific coast. He is going to give Denver a visit. The Mormons will hear his eloquence. Stanford University is to be examined by him, and then Oregon, Washington and the Selkirk region will have a chance to measure his greatness. Time was when the President of Harvard had to scold students to keep their pocket money, taste the soup at commons, and answer all the calls of the parents and prospective pupils. One of Dr. Eliot's greatest feats is his organization of the new and big Harvard in such a way that his control from such a distance will be as effective as his personal appearance. He has given each department its dean, each museum or laboratory its director and the university as a whole able administrative officers, who conduct details with far less friction than the old fashioned presidents ever secured. So it is that to-day the president's western tour excites wide interest here as well as in the west, for it recalls the facts which make such a trip possible, and the true meaning of it is that the rails are clear and the engineer may safely take his hand from the lever between stations.

A Clever Swindler.

NEW YORK, March, 2.—A Times special from Birmingham, Ala., says: The citizens of Birmingham have lost about $20,000 through M. Gellhorn. Gellhorn organized and operated the Mutual Endowment Association of America which had all the paraphernalia of a first class enterprise. He issued $100 engraved bonds to subscribers who paid in $72 on the installment. At the end of 12 months the company was to pay the face of the bond. Each month had its own series of bonds and class and they fell due on Saturday last. The bondholders are numerous but Gellhorn is being searched for in vain, having been last seen on Friday night. He was attractive socially and several close friends were in the habit of loaning him money. A few days ago he went to Atlanta and returned with a draft on the Park National Bank of New York, drawn by the Gate City National Bank of Alabama, for $2000. A friend to whom he owed $600 endorsed it. The Alabama National Bank cashed it. The debt was paid and Gellhorn pocketed $1400. The Park Bank passed the check all right and people here say it is a loser. The draft turned out to have been drawn for $2 and was raised by Gellhorn. Another check for $4000 was passed the same day but the local indorser is the victim. Gellhorn came here from South Africa and has recently claimed that his father-in-law had sold out there and was on his way to Birmingham with a large fortune of which $21,000 belonged to him. He paid up all his small bills and his friends had undoubted confidence in him.

The delicious fragrance, refreshing coolness and soft beauty imparted to the skin by *Pozzoni's Powder*, commends it to all ladies.

No master has as yet been appointed to the steamer Premier.

Newfoundland Fishermen Lost.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 1.—A special cable to the Herald from St. John's gives the details of a terrible disaster in Newfoundland, by which at least 40 lives were lost. On Saturday 220 men went out sealing from the shores of Trinity Bay. A terrible storm sprang up and the thermometer dropped to zero. The men could not reach the ports of refege. They had no extra clothes or food with them. Some of them were blown out to sea, some others got on the ice and perished from cold and exposure. The others died in the boats. Seventeen men were rescued by boats which put to their assistance from Heart's Content and were found frost bitten and terribly exhausted. Some died before they could be taken ashore. Thirteen bodies were found frozen in their boats, which were covered with ice and had to be cut out. It was a ghastly piece of business. Ice steamers are still looking for the missing men. Most of those who were lost were fathers of families. There is great lamentation along the shores of Trinity bay. The Legislature has adjourned as a mark of sympathy.

Reciprocity in Congress

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Mr. Castle, of Minnesota, by request, introduced a joint resolution for renewing the Reciprocity Treaty with the Dominion of Canada. The resolution provides for a treaty similiar to that made by the United States and Great Britain, signed June 5, 1854, which continued in force ten years, concerning our trade and business relations with the Dominion of Canada. It is to avoid misunderstanding between the respective citizens and subjects in regard to the extent of the right of fishing on the coast of British North America, secured to each by Article 1 of a convention between the United States and Great Britain, signed at London, October 20, 1881, and is also designed to regulate the commerce and navigation between the respective territories and people, and more especially between Her Majesty's possessions in North America and the United States, in such a manner as to render the same reciprocity beneficial and satisfactory.

PERSONAL.

Movements of Well Known People in Various Directions.

J. W. Sexsmith of North Arm is in town.

H. Abbott of the C.P.R. came down last night.

R. F. Farley of Bradstreets has gone over to the mainland.

Ald. John Lovell returned from the Mainland last evening.

Jno. S. Anderson and E. E. Evans of Vancouver are at the Driard.

F. S. Barnard, M.P.P. and Mrs. Barnard left for Ottawa this morning.

Jno. Hendry, T. S. Higgins and A. Ewen of Westminster are in the city.

Supt. Wilson of the C.P.R. telegraphs came down from the Mainland last evening.

For a thorough course in book-keeping or penmanship, go to the B. C. Business College, 43 Government St. Open day and night. Terms nominal. Best methods taught. *

DIED.

MATHESON—In this city, on the 2nd of March, Jessie, wife of Mr. H. M. Matheson, aged 40 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence, No. 49 Blanchard street, on Friday, 4th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

JAS. COLLINS, - - MANAGER.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
MARCH 3, 4 AND 5,
Engagement of the
MADISON SQUARE CO'Y,
Who will present Joaquin Miller's Masterwork in Five Acts, entitled

"The Danites"

Produced with magnificent new scenery and effect and an unequaled cast.

Scale of Prices—Reserved Seats, $1.00, 75c and 50c; Gallery 25c. Every lady attending will receive a numbered ticket entitling her to a chance in a Beautiful Oil Painting, now on exhibition in Jameson's window. The only proviso is, the lady must be present on the night of the drawing, which will take place in sight of the audience on Saturday evening, March 5th.

NEXT ATTRACTION---MAUDE GRANGER.

GREAT UNRESERVED
AUCTION SALE
Of a large
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I have received positive instructions to sell to the highest bidder, regardless of cost, all kinds of Men's Clothing and Gents' Furnishings, at

92½ Douglas St., Doane Block,

Commencing on
SATURDAY, 5th OF MARCH,
At 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. sharp. Come and examine the goods prior to sale. Look out for the red flag.

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Yours truly,
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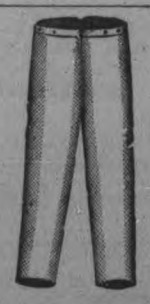

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